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Lack of oversight over military activities in CNMI raises alarm

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» CNMI may have been losing grip on military activities on Pagan, other islands

CNMI agencies may not have been fully aware of—or do not have proper oversight over—different visits that U.S. military personnel or their contractors have been making to Pagan and other islands, officials told *Saipan Tribune*. Gov. Eloy S. Inos himself said it "appears" that the CNMI's authorization and permitting requirements "are at risk."

Inos urges an improved oversight and governance of military activities in the CNMI.

"I want to build a consensus on how to address this issue and have asked the lieutenant governor to take the lead role in this process to create greater organizational control over the Executive Branch's oversight of the military operations and field work," the governor said in a two-page memo to five

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BEACH EYESORE
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Trash and other debris litter this beach on Tinian. Eight such beaches on the island got a little TLC from crewmembers of the Coast Guard cutter *Assateague*, during a cleanup on the island of Tinian on Thursday, July 25. The crew collected over 850 cubic feet of marine debris, equivalent to the waste generated by an average U.S. household over a two-week span, according the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The majority of the trash collected was plastic and glass washed ashore by the driving currents.

Over 18K people are uninsured; number growing

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A large number of the Commonwealth's residents, including many from well-to-do families, do not have any health insurance, according to Commerce Secretary Sixto Igisomar, who is also the CNMI's state insurance commissioner.

He said that based on the 2010 Census, more than 18,000 individuals do not have private insurance and are not even covered by the government-run Medicaid program.

This is 33 percent of the CNMI's 53,800 population.

This figures is believed to have grown since then, according to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board, as a result of increasing pre-

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Fitial, Kileleman get 1 year for Keju's death

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Felix Kileleman Jr. and his uncle, Herman S. Fitial, were both slapped yesterday with the maximum sentence of one year in prison for the death of 19-year-old Jefferson Kiauol Keju.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho sentenced Kileleman and Fitial to the full maximum of one year in prison, to be served day to day, without parole, for assault and battery.

Kileleman, 19, and Fitial, 34, were given credit for time served.

"Law-abiding citizens should not retreat from their homes and public roadways. It is the criminal who should be afraid of law-abiding citizens," Camacho said.

The judge said the law allows a person to stand his ground, not take one step back in retreat when defending himself

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Customs tightens cargo inspection policy at seaport

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Division of Customs Services director Joe Mafnas has tightened inspection policy at its seaport operations by allowing only one company representative at the container area during cargo checks, and now requiring importers to hire the services of professional shipping or stevedoring company of their choice if their container is selected for inspection.

Mafnas, in an interview, said this is for "safety and security" reasons, as well as to address liability concerns should an incident occurs during loading and reloading.

He said this decision did not happen overnight. During observations of Customs seaport operations for weeks, Mafnas said there were times when a company would bring seven to 10 individuals, mostly not their employees, to help with the loading and reloading, posing safety and security risks.

"That is supposed to be a sterile area, and there should be a limit to the number and types of people allowed in the Customs inspection area. In the past, a company would bring up to 10 or more people, and some they hired temporarily just for that inspection. They don't really know these people and they and Customs could be held liable if something happens, whether it's for medical reason when somebody is not fit to carry heavy objects, and for security of Customs operations," Mafnas told *Saipan Tribune*.

The Customs director issued a notice informing the public about changes to their policies at the seaport inspection area.

"We will no longer allow the importer's personnel to unload/reload container. If Customs selects a container for inspection, the importer must engage the services of the shipping of stevedoring company," the one-page notice partly reads.

This only affects inbound containers that Customs selected for inspections.

Rep. John Paul Sablan (Cov-Saipan), who used to work at the Division of Customs Services, believes this directive will promote and enhance safety and security at the seaport.

"Given my years with Customs, there were consignees that didn't mention that the people they bring have a disability and cannot carry heavy stuff. They claimed back pain, etc. As Customs director, I believe Mr. Mafnas is also taking precautionary measures to avoid any liability," the freshman lawmaker said.

Inos swears in re-appointed NMC regents

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos swears into office William Torres and Frank Rabauliman who have been appointed anew to the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents, before the start of the board's special meeting yesterday on campus. The re-appointed regents will serve another four-year term, each of which expires in June 2017.

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos swore in two re-appointed members of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents during a special meeting on campus yesterday where the returning members were welcomed anew by their colleagues.

Frank Rabauliman and William Torres both represent Saipan on the board. Their previous four-year terms expired in June.

Rabauliman is currently the Division of Environmental Quality director. He was appointed by then-governor Benigno Fitial in June 2009 for a four-year term. Under this new term, he will serve until June 27, 2017.

Torres, meantime, served the unfinished term of then board chair Maria Paz Younis, who resigned from the post in February 2011. Torres was given a new four-year term that will expire on June 26, 2017.

Torres and Rabauliman now join board chair Juan T. Lizama, Andrew Orsini, Elaine Orilla, Malua Peter, and Michaela Sanchez.

The NMC board recently removed honorary members in an aim to address concerns raised by the college's accreditation commission.

Joining Inos yesterday at the swearing-in ceremony was Lt. Gov. Jude Hofschneider.

In a short message to the regents yesterday, the governor reiterated his administration's concern about the planned policy decision to be made by the U.S. Department of Education that will halt Title IV funds for the college's baccalaureate program, the School of Education.

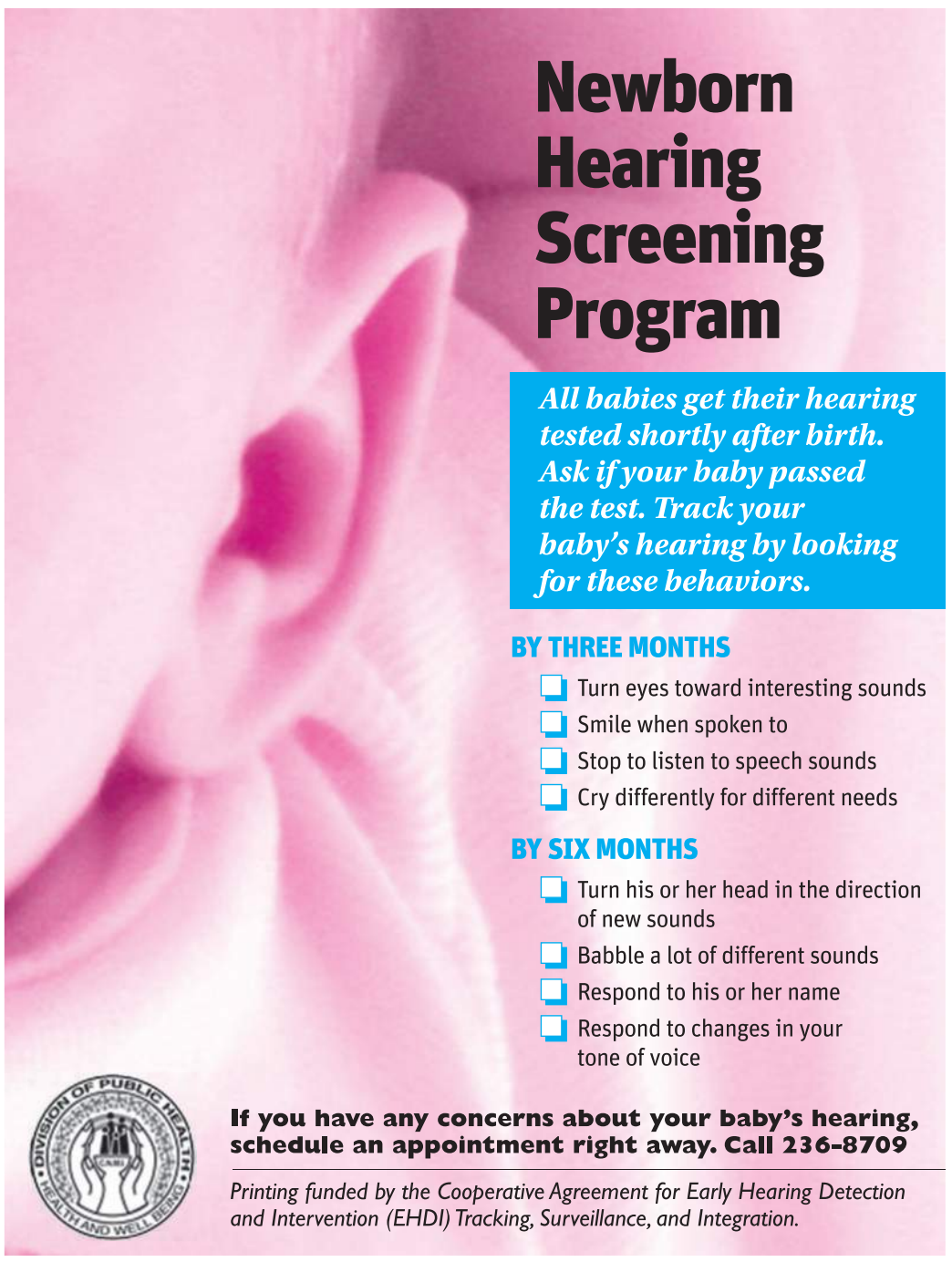
NMC president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., is currently in Washington, D.C. to meet with USDOE officials and appeal for reconsideration. She is expected to return within the week. Dean of administration Dave Attao is acting president in the meantime.

NMC stands to lose $7.1 million in Title IV funds for its baccalaureate program if the USDOE pushes through with its decision. In the past 13 years since 2001, a total of 2,283 students have benefited from these Title IV grants.

Inos has already written to the USDOE to express his concerns.

If all efforts fail to convince USDOE to change its mind, Inos said the CNMI may explore congressional action on the matter.

USDOE says that NMC is ineligible to avail of the Title IV funds due to its dual accreditation for both associate and baccalaureate programs. However, this is the first time the alleged policy "violation" was raised after several years of receiving federal assistance from the same agency.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3 charges vs man in alleged sexual assault

The Office of the Attorney General has filed three charges against a 24-year-old man who allegedly touched the privates of a sleeping 12-year-old girl in As Gonno.

Chief prosecutor Shelli Neal filed Tuesday an information charging Ngirarois with one count each of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

At a preliminary hearing on Tuesday, Superior Court associate judge Joseph N. Camacho found probable cause to charge the defendant with all three charges.

Assistant attorney general Brian Flaherty appeared for the government. Assistant public defender Matthew Meyer represented the defendant.

Ngirarois was arrested on July 20. He is being kept on a $50,000 cash bail.

A police detective stated in her report that the girl was sleeping when she felt someone touching her. She woke up and saw it was the defendant. The girl said she was wearing clothes at the time and that he touched her outside her pants. A family member of the girl called police when she reported the incident. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Speedy grant of homesteads for NI applicants urged

Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian) prefiled yesterday a bill granting homesteads to pending applications from eligible Northern Islands applicants provided they have the means to improve the land.

His House Bill 18-109 seeks to "compel the Department of Public Lands to enforce the spirit and intent behind Article 11 by ensuring that any and all bureaucratic or administrative issues, including DPL's own rules and regulations, that presently delay the granting of homestead applications are eliminated by law as they relate to the Northern Islands homesteads."

Conner said as it stands now, the program is in "jeopardy" because of dwindling land resources.

"In particular, this provision seeks to treat Northern Island applicants who must overcome substantial hardships relative to other CNMI applicants, more equitably by permitting a procedural waiver of certain requirements [such as certificates of compliance]," he said.

These include a waiver of requirements relating to certificates of compliance

Conner's bill specifically intends to grant or allow all pending Northern Islands homestead applicants to begin construction on their homes.

The bill is set to be introduced in today's House session. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

Ex-cop in hit-and-run case gets maximum 5-year sentence

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Martin I. Kapileo, a terminated police officer who was convicted of five charges in a hit-and-run case, was slapped yesterday with a maximum five-year sentence and a $1,800 fine.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho said the five-year sentence shall be served without the possibility of parole. He gave Kapileo credit for one day time-served.

"In its most basic form, integrity is knowing the difference between right and wrong. Character is doing the right thing even when no one is watching. Mr. Kapileo, it is obvious to this court that you possess none of these qualities," Camacho said.

The 50-year-old Kapileo cried in court, begging for leniency.

Camacho said that Kapileo, who was then a police officer, had three chances to make things right.

"First, at the accident scene in Dandan when you signaled as if you were to pull over. You did not," he said.

Camacho said the second opportunity to make things right was on Middle Road in San Jose when Kapileo pulled into the Ink Box parking lot.

"You could have turned back to the accident scene. You did not," the judge said.

Third, when Kapileo was on Beach Road in San Jose and no one was following him anymore, he could have turn south to the Department of Public Safety to report the accident.

"You did not," Camacho said. "Instead you turned north toward Garapan as if nothing happened."

There can be no justice without the appropriate punishment, Camacho added.

Whatever the cause of an accident, Camacho said, the punishment of leaving the scene must be greater to deter Kapileo and other drivers from leaving an accident scene.

Attorney Brien Sers Nicholas, counsel for Kapileo, recommended a sentence of 90 days in prison plus fine and restitution.

Nicholas said Kapileo has five young children and since he was terminated from DPS, his wife became the sole supporter of the family.

Kapileo's wife, Alma, also cried in court, expressing her apology for what happened and asking the court for leniency for her husband. Their children, who were in court, were also in tears.

Assistant attorney general Brian Flaherty recommended a sentence of five years and three days without parole, and a $3,600 fine plus restitution.

Flaherty pointed out after the accident, it was a good Samaritan—a citizen who is not charged with upholding the law—that made the 911 call and followed Kapileo.

At a bench trial early last month, Camacho found Kapileo guilty of restriction upon use of government vehicles, drinking alcohol while operating a vehicle, possession of an open container while operating a vehicle, failure to exercise due care, and failure to stop at the scene of accident.

The judge, however, found him not guilty of driving on the right side of the highway and driving under the influence of alcohol.

The victim, Mayona S. Bergosa, 52, sustained head injuries in the back of her head after the truck's right side mirror hit her as she was walking on the grassy side of the road on Chalan Monsignor Guerrero in Dandan in the afternoon of Oct. 27, 2012.

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Deadline today to submit nominees for FSA county committees

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Juan M. Garcia, administrator of USDA's Farm Service Agency, is reminding farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural producers that they have until today, Aug. 1, 2013, to nominate eligible candidates to serve on local FSA county committees.

"The last day to file your nomination form is [today]," Garcia said. "Please get involved this year and nominate the candidate of your choice or nominate yourself to serve on your local county committee. I especially encourage the nomination of beginning farmers and ranchers, as well as women and minorities. This is your opportunity to have a say in how federal programs are delivered in your county."

FSA county committees help local farmers through their decisions on commodity price support loans, conservation programs and disaster programs, and by working closely with county executive directors.

To be eligible to hold office as a county committee member, individuals must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and live in the local administrative area where they are running. A complete list of eligibility requirements, more information and nomination forms are available at http://www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

All nominees must sign the nomination form FSA-669A. All nomination forms for the 2013 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1, 2013. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 4 and are due back to the local USDA Service Centers on Dec. 2. The newly elected county committee members will take office Jan. 1, 2014. ***(USDA)***

3rd meeting of Chuuk Advisory Group on Education

WENO, Chuuk—The Chuuk Advisory Group on Education held its third quarterly set of meetings in Weno, Chuuk, last week, July 22 through July 26. The Advisory Group is assisting the Chuuk State Board of Education and the Department of Education to follow through on Education reform commitments that were made at the Chuuk High Level Meeting on Education Reform held in November of 2012 in Weno with representatives and staff from the FSM national government, the U.S. government, and the Chuuk state government.

Members of the advisory group include three eminent friends of Chuuk State: Tom Bussanich, director of the Division of Budget and Grants Management at the Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior; Patrick Tellei, president of the Palau Community College; and Francis X. Hezel, a Jesuit priest and the founder of the Micronesian Seminar.

The advisory group once again met with the Chuuk governor, Board of Education, and Department of Education to discuss the ongoing progress of 10 high-level commitments as well as additional recommendations made by the group during its first two quarterly meetings.

The advisory group raised concern about the slowness of the Chuuk state government in finalizing the process of appointing and confirming a director of education and vacant and expiring Board of Education positions. The advisory group is also concerned about Chuuk State's slow progress in moving primary school consolidations forward.

With the hiring of professional human resource, reform, and management consultants, the advisory group is encouraged that a number of reform initiatives will move forward with great speed, including the development of a contract system for teachers that will limit leave during the school year; monitoring of student, teacher and principal attendance at all schools; response to the concern regarding the selection of school principals; improving physical facilities; and making sure schools have the basic requirements for strong school instruction. ***(PCC)***

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mium rates and economic hardships suffered by families.

Saipan Tribune learned that the 18,000-plus uninsured come from a broad cross-section of CNMI society, including children and adults from well-to-do families, the working class, and the indigent sector. The total also includes nonresident workers on the islands. The census, as described by Igisomar, was a full count as this was based on house-to-house visits.

Dr. Sherleen Osman, director for Medical Affairs, believes the actual number of uninsured individuals is much larger, based on her conversations and personal knowledge about many patients.

The issue came about as the Commonwealth prepares to implement applicable provisions of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, more commonly known as Obamacare or Affordable Care Act. It was signed into law in March 2010. Its intention is to insure all Americans and reduce the costs of healthcare. That includes regulating the premium rates of health insurance carriers.

This law includes numerous provisions and policies that are being challenged by many states. Many insurance companies have also expressed opposition to Obamacare, hinting that if implemented in its entirety, it will create a potential loss of health insurance carriers that can provide services to people.

In the CNMI, Igisomar said that at least five insurance carriers will be impacted by the Act.

One key component of the law is the "Exchange" which was put in place to mitigate the adverse impact of lowering premium rates by pulling carriers together. The CNMI, however, has opted out of this.

"Yes, we never applied for the 'Exchange' because there's a risk for the CNMI because if you apply for 'Exchange' and you do not implement it, the CNMI has to pay back all monies it received," said Igisomar.

He also pointed out that no territory tried to do the same for fear of this risk. Exploring the idea of a "regional type of Exchange" was not even endorsed by the U.S. Department of Human and Health Services, which is directly involved in Obamacare.

As far as Igisomar's office is concerned, the CNMI has to date received funding from Obamacare totaling to $3 million: $1 million was approved for the first grant, the amount of which is about to be exhausted; and $2 million for the second grant, of which more than half have yet to be expended. The CNMI expects to avail of another $200,000 soon.

As to how much money will actually flow to the CNMI under Obamacare, Igisomar said he does not have the figure yet and where the money will go. However, he cited the $75 million that territories will share for their Medicaid program.

In the CNMI, the sharing for this federal-state program is 45-55 percent and disbursement depends on the CNMI's ability to come up with its matching fund.

Market reform

Igisomar said that one of the challenges the CNMI faces is its ability to enforce market reforms under Obamacare. Some examples of these market reforms are pre-existing conditions exclusion; fair health insurance premium; guaranteed availability of coverage; nondiscrimination in healthcare; and many others.

The U.S. Department of Human and Health Services itself has already asked the CNMI if it can implement the Act.

Igisomar said he recently received a letter from HHS with the specific question: "Can you enforce it [market reform] or not?"

Igisomar said he plans to respond that: "Yes, we can. But we are asking assistance to mitigate the impact."

This position, expected to be formalized on Aug. 12, was supported by the HHS, according to him.

Igisomar plans to meet Gov. Eloy S. Inos soon to discuss the "direction" that he wants to pursue in Obamacare's implementation.

According to Igisomar, the CNMI recently hired Kaitlin Mocane to do public education about the Act for people to better understand the law.

Igisomar made his presentation yesterday to the CHCC board, focusing on the regulatory side of Obamacare and its impact on the CNMI.

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and family when attacked.

However, after the immediate danger has passed, law enforcement authorities should be contacted, Camacho said.

"The law does not allow citizens to become vigilantes and carry out revenge and vendettas," he said.

Camacho said that Kileleman and Fitial could have walked way or called the police but instead, when taunted by Keju—who was too drunk to be taken seriously—they chased him into the highway where the boy was beaten and eventually hit and killed by a car.

"On balance, it seems unfair that a young boy's life is over and two men after serving a relatively short sentence will walk out of prison," he said.

Camacho said the law restricts him from imposing any sentence beyond the charge that defendants have been convicted.

"The court can only follow the law. Nothing more, nothing less," he said.

In reading a prepared statement in court, Fitial, in tears, apologized to the court and the family of Keju.

Fitial said there is no single night that never thinks about the incident and that he prays daily for forgiveness.

Fitial said he never meant to hurt Keju. He said he has seven children and asked for leniency.

Kileleman did not address the court.

Fitial's counsel, Nadeah Vali, and Kileleman's counsel, assistant public defender Benjamin Petersburg, recommended a sentence of one year in prison, all suspended except for seven months, and credit for time served.

Petersburg said that Kileleman has his own perspective of the incident and it was Keju who instigated the fight.

Petersburg said that Kileleman and his uncle, Fitial, just wanted to go home in safety, "but sadly, that is not how the night ended."

The lawyer said that Kileleman and Keju were both hit by a van on Middle Road and, tragically, Keju died as a result of his injuries.

Petersburg said Kileleman was also injured in that crash and was actually knocked unconscious for a period of time on the side of the road.

He said Kileleman, a father of a newborn child, has endured the stress of being accused of being responsible for the death of another person until he was acquitted by a jury.

Assistant attorney general Brian Flaherty recommend the maximum sentence of one year in prison with no parole.

Police said the defendants assaulted Keju during an argument in front of New Chang Ming Market and later in the parking lot of the Mobil gas station on the evening of Jan. 1, 2013. The defendants chased the victim, who ran toward Middle Road. Kileleman caught up with Keju, who fell on the road, and kicked and punched him repeatedly. An incoming van then hit Keju and Kileleman.

Kileleman and Fitial left Keju lying on the road. Another incoming pickup truck ran over the victim.

The driver of the van fled the CNMI. The driver of the truck was not arrested as he stopped and tried to assist the victim.

Last month, the jury acquitted Kileleman of involuntary manslaughter. Camacho, however, found him guilty of assault and battery. Camacho granted Fitial's motion to dismiss a charge of involuntary manslaughter, but found him guilty of assault and battery.

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department and agency heads.

Inos issued the memo after concerns about the seeming lack of oversight over military activities on certain islands came up at a recent Cabinet meeting.

Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Arnold I. Palacios, in an interview in Lower Base yesterday, said it is alarming to note that agencies that are supposed to know or grant authorizations for certain activities on Pagan, for example, have not been made aware of any such activities.

"It caught us by surprise. The governor and Cabinet members were surprised when I brought it up during a recent Cabinet meeting. For example, there were supposed to be environmental surveys in and around Pagan but agencies were not even aware of it," Palacios told *Saipan Tribune.*

At times, if there were ever a notice of planned activities on Pagan, they were delivered to the CNMI "on very short notice," he added.

To help ensure the CNMI has proper oversight of military activities on the islands, Palacios said his department's Division of Fish and Wildlife and its other divisions stopped issuing permits to entities such as the military or its contractors "until they get a temporary authorization to enter public lands" from the Department of Public Lands.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comments yesterday, provided a copy of the governor's July 17 memo to five department and agency heads pertaining to the need to create greater organizational control over the Executive Branch's oversight of the military operations and field work.

The governor was particularly concerned that a communication dated June 27 from U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific's Craig Whelden containing three notices of proposed field survey work on Tinian and Pagan was given only to DPL "but no other CNMI Executive Branch agency, as far as I know, was given notice of this proposed work."

Inos asked the heads of DPL, DLNR, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, Division of Environmental Quality, and the Coastal Resources Management to provide him with the status of their departments' knowledge of the proposed work on Pagan and Tinian, and whether or not certain permits and authorizations are applicable.

The governor himself received the June 27 communication only on July 16, and he issued the memo on July 17.

The governor said agencies "need to ensure that the military and contractors [and subcontractors] doing this work are in compliance with our authorization and permitting requirements."

"However, if MARFOPAC is only sending notice to my office and DPL, then it appears that our authorization and permitting requirements are at risk," Inos said in his memo.

The governor wants a clear chart of which agency has oversight or authority to issue certain permits. These include temporary access to public lands authorization; CNMI scientific research permit/biological opinions; Section 7 Endangered Species Act MOU/oversight/authorization; Section 106-NHPA MOU/oversight/authorization; and one-start permit for earth moving and clearing.

This comes at a time when the U.S. military is eyeing the use of Pagan and Tinian for live-fire training ranges. The military is also eyeing a 50-year lease of some 33 acres of land on Saipan for the U.S. Air Force's proposed divert airfield.

The U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific's notice include a July 19 to 25 marine field studies on Tinian, particularly for coral and turtle; a July 27 to Aug. 1 technical survey of the entire Pagan for "ground trothing"; and an Aug. 2 to 30 Pagan and Tinian marine field studies. The latter covers beaches and offshore areas.

Probable cause found to charge hostage drama suspect

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has found probable cause to charge an alleged hostage-taker with eight offenses but dismissed nine other charges in two separate cases filed against the suspect.

Herman C. Tudela Jr., a former archaeologist, allegedly threatened to kill a neighbor and her family and then staged a seven-hour standoff with authorities at his residence in Kagman on July 24, 2013, with his son as his hostage.

At a preliminary hearing on Tuesday afternoon, in the alleged hostage incident, Camacho found probable cause to charge Tudela with obstructing justice and resisting arrest, but found no probable cause to charge him with terroristic threat, kidnapping, and child abuse.

In the alleged threat against a neighbor, the judge found probable cause to charge Tudela with three counts of assault and three counts of disturbing the peace, but no probable cause to charge him with three counts of assault and three counts of disturbing the peace.

Camacho ordered the 39-year-old Tudela to answer the charges.

Assistant attorney general Brian Flaherty appeared for the government. Assistant public defender Eden Schwartz served as counsel for the defendant.

In the charging information, chief prosecutor Shelli Neal alleged that the defendant made a terroristic threat on July 24, 2013, by "making a false report that a circumstance dangerous to human life exists or is about to exist and places a person in fear of physical injury."

Neal said that Tudela held his 10-year-old son hostage from 7:45pm to 2:49am.

Neal said that Tudela resisted when law enforcers tried to serve him with an arrest warrant.

In the second case, Neal said the suspect assaulted and disturbed the peace of a couple and their four minor children on July 24.

The seven-hour standoff on July 25 ended when members of the Department of Public Safety's elite Tactical Response Enforcement Team swooped into the house and arrested Tudela and rescued his 10-year-old son.

Tudela allegedly refused to be served with an arrest warrant and instead barricaded himself in his house. Both Tudela and the boy were not injured.

The arrest warrant stemmed from an incident earlier that day of July 24 when Tudela, allegedly in a fit of jealousy, threatened to kill a neighbor and her family.

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UFO sets reminders for PH mobile consular services

The United Filipino Organization will be assisting the Philippine Consulate General in Guam when it conducts mobile consular services on Saipan next month.

UFO president Annamae Adaza said the umbrella organization of Filipino groups on the island will more likely enlist eight volunteers per day to help the consulate general in information dissemination and crowd control during the three-day activity on Aug. 7, 8, and 9 from 9am to 6pm at the Dai-dai Social Hall at the Mt. Carmel Cathedral.

Adaza also reminded Filipinos who will be getting their Philippine passports to wear shirts with collars to make them presentable when the consulate general staff takes their passport photos.

She also reminded her countrymen not to fold their documents to avoid any problems during scanning.

Adaza is also seeking sponsors who would like to contribute food and snacks for the volunteers. Those who wish to contribute may call her at 483-5237.

Among the services that will be offered at the mobile consular services are passport applications and renewals, civil registry and notarial services, report of birth, report of marriage, report of death, acknowledgements (special power of attorney, general power of attorney, contracts), jurat (affidavits), NBI clearance applications, and authentication/verification of employment contracts.

The consulate general, meanwhile, will hold mobile consular services on Tinian a few days earlier at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino's Tinian Hall on Aug. 3, 4, and 5.

Aside from ePassport processing, the Philippine Consulate will also conduct civil registry and notarial services on Tinian next month.

For more information about the mobile consular outreach on Saipan and Tinian, call the Philippine Consulate General in Guam at 682-2222 (toll free). ***(Mark Rabago)***

Aguon resigns as hospital board member

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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board of trustees may soon have a new member after one of its own quit the job.

CHCC board chair Joaquin Torres said yesterday that Tinian board member Anthony Aguon will no longer serve on the advisory board after his resignation effective July 30.

Torres disclosed that Aguon submitted his resignation letter to Gov. Eloy S. Inos, the appointing authority for the CHCC board of trustees.

Press secretary Angel A. Demapan confirmed yesterday that the governor had accepted Aguon's resignation.

"Anthony Aguon tendered his resignation to the governor. Due to his role in the Office of the Lt. Governor, Mr. Aguon felt that he is unable to provide his full attention to the CHCC board," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

The administration has not named Aguon's replacement yet.

His fellow board trustees described Aguon as a "good colleague" who had shown commitment to his job. Throughout his term at the corporation, Aguon was vocal and passionate about healthcare issues on Tinian.

Aguon, who used to have verbal tussles with former hospital CEO Juan N. Babauta, is the chief of staff of former senator and now Lt. Gov. Jude Hofschneider.

With Aguon's resignation, the board is left with Torres, vice chair Pete Dela Cruz from Rota, Roy Rios, Anthony Raho, director for Medical Affairs Dr. Sherleen Osman, and interim CEO Esther Muna.

Saipan Tribune learned that Aguon has recommended Joan Cepeda, a retired nurse from Tinian, to replace him on the board.

Aguon is one of the board's original members when the corporation took over the operation of the then-Department of Public Health in October 2012. He was appointed by then governor Benigno R. Fitial.

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Jack Villagomez hopes to lead Republicans to victory in 2014

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REPORTER

Joaquin "Jack" P. Villagomez replaced former governor Benigno R. Fitial as chairman of the Republican Party of the Northern Mariana Islands Association during an election of officers last night that drew a crowd of newcomers and current and former officials, including Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) and former governor Juan N. Babauta. Villagomez said he hopes to lead the Republicans to victory in the 2014 gubernatorial elections, following a dismal showing in the 2012 race.

"I am honored to be elected president of the Republican Party. We have so many challenges and we will continue to address those challenges," Villagomez, a former Coastal Resources Management administrator, told *Saipan Tribune* last night.

He said the GOP will be fielding a full slate including candidates for governor, delegate, mayors, House and Senate members.

"We would also reaffirm our relationship with the National Republican Party so we could get more help with our submerged lands. And maybe someday, we could get to vote for a U.S. president. That is a goal," Villagomez, a marine biologist and a former teacher, added.

The new first vice chairman is Francine Dela Cruz, while the new second vice chairman is Jess Aldan.

The GOP's new secretary is William Villagomez, while the new treasurer is Ed C. Deleon Guerrero.

Rita Chong-Dela Cruz, who was first vice president of the GOP prior to last night's election, along with the new chairman, Villagomez, said they're hoping for a better 2014 results for the party compared to 2012.

"We have to be hopeful and at the same time do our best. Like I said the CNMI has a lot of challenges—the Retirement Fund, the hospital, infrastructure," Jack Villagomez said. He just recently came back from Idaho.

Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), in a separate interview, said the party looks forward to welcoming new and returning members and to "strengthen" the party. Torres is the GOP's likely gubernatorial candidate.

Among the sitting lawmakers present last night were Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian), House minority leader George Camacho (R-Saipan), and Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan).

This comes over a month since Fitial resigned as GOP chairman on June 26, for medical reasons, Chong-Dela Cruz said.

Other parties and independents have also been preparing for next year's general elections. Gov. Eloy S. Inos is running for governor under the Covenant Party, while another potential gubernatorial bet is former speaker Heinz Hofschneider, running as an independent.

IT&E donates more than $5K to Tournament of Champions

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Tournament of Champions director Ben Babauta, second from right, accepts a donation of more than $5,000 (in cash and prizes) from IT&E representatives. The prizes will be used for this weekend's Tournament of Champions.

To make this weekend's Tournament of Champions golf tournament even more exciting, IT&E announced yesterday a donation of cash and prizes totaling more than $5,000 to the event's organizing committee.

IT&E's donation includes $2,500 in cash, as well as a brand new Samsung S4 cellular phone with one year of unlimited Android service. Additionally, the company is donating a BlackBerry 9930 Bold Smartphone. Both phones will be used as prizes during the tournament.

Volunteers of the golf tournament will also be able to communicate more efficiently with each other during the event as IT&E is also donating 12 loaner phones for their use.

"The Tournament of Champions has raised critical funds that have benefited our community for the past 18 years," said IT&E marketing manager Hans Mickelson. "We are extremely proud to be part of this year's tournament again by donating great prizes for the tournament participants."

"IT&E has been a longtime supporter of the Tournament of Champions, and we are grateful that the company has joined our slate of sponsors again this year," said TOC director Ben Babauta. "The prizes that IT&E is donating will be a great draw for our golfers."

According to Babauta, about 200 golfers are expected for the 18th Tournament of Champions, which will be played at the LaoLao Bay Golf and Resort's east and west courses.

Babauta stressed that the two-day event is bigger and better than ever with exciting hole-in-one prizes and the chance to win thousands of dollars in possible prizes.

First place winners in the Men's Championship, A, B, C, Senior and Super Senior Flights will each receive $500 cash, $400 for second, $300 for third, a digital camera to fourth, and $100 DFS gift certificate for fifth place. The Ladies Low Gross champion will receive $500, $400 for second, and $300 for third place. The first, second, and third place winners of the Ladies Low Net will receive a trophy.

There are hundreds of thousands of dollars of possible prizes at stake in the two-day tournament, including hole-in-one prizes on both the east and west courses that include a Hyundai Accent from Triple J Motors, Ford Escape from Joeten Motors, one year of free golf from Saipan Laolao, two business class tickets to the U.S. from Delta, a business class ticket to Europe and other non-U.S. destinations from Asiana Airlines, and many more.

The tournament will also be featuring $1,000 cash prizes for closest to pin competitions.

Since its inception, TOC has given over $500,000 to the Saipan Beautification Fund, which has gone directly to the improvements of the tree-lined traffic medians that stretch from Garapan to the former Palm Resort, as well as the revitalization of the Garapan special district. In addition, TOC also contributed funds for the Paseo de Marianas, the lighting of the Saipan Beach Pathway, the beautification of the Port to Park pathway, and the revitalization of Mt. Tapochau.

"We are proud of our continued commitment to enhance the beauty of Saipan for our tourists and residents," Babauta said. "It is the generous support of our golfers, sponsors and committee members that make this event possible."

Registration for the 2-day tournament is $185, which includes a lunch banquet on the second day. Registration forms can be downloaded from www.tocsaipan.com. Register before 12pm on Friday, Aug. 2, 2013, by submitting a registration form and registration fee at the first floor of DFS Galleria (next to Foreign Currency counter) or at Saipan Laolao. For more information about the event, contact Babauta at 483-2563 or Marida Pensader at 236-2530. ***(TOC)***

Kilili joins push against ending Lifeline discounts for wireless

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) joined 22 of his colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives in expressing concern about a Senate bill that would end the Lifeline discounts for wireless phones, saying it "would strike at the very heart of the program's intent."

The Lifeline program helped low-income families in the CNMI receive $210,000 in discounts on their telephone service last year alone, Sablan said.

"While we all agree that waste, fraud, and abuse must be addressed within Lifeline, we fear that the proposal, if implemented, would virtually eliminate the service as we know it, and have a deleterious impact on families in need all across the country," Sablan and 22 other House members said in a July 24 letter to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid.

Sablan said the Federal Communications Commission is also already addressing concerns about waste, fraud, and abuse in the Lifeline program.

The FCC has established a national database to ensure enrollees truly qualify for Lifeline, and codified the "one-per-household" rule, which ensures there is only one discount for each eligible household.

"Our letter to Senator Reid recommends additional time to allow the reforms, which should save the government $2 billion by the end of 2014, to be fully implemented before Congress makes any changes that could reduce access to phone service for disadvantaged families who depend on the Lifeline program," Sablan said.

Prior to the introduction of wireless Lifeline services in 2008, many eligible families did not take advantage of the program because they could not afford home phone service, even with the discount provided by Lifeline, the lawmakers said in their four-page letter.

Because of the addition of wireless service to the program, "now any qualified American family can have the basic access to telephone service that is so vital to safety, economic opportunity and connectedness in our modern society," they added.

Commerce: Eight divisions to be merged into three

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Department of Commerce Secretary Sixto Igisomar disclosed plans yesterday to consolidate all sections and offices within the agency into just three major divisions to make the department more efficient.

The department currently has eight divisions: Alcohol And Tobacco, Banking, Central Statistics, CNMI Rate Review, Enforcement, Insurance, Registrar, and the Workers Compensation Commission.

Igisomar revealed plans to create only three major divisions: Economic Development Division, Regulatory Division, and the Statistics Division. He aims to implement these changes by 2014.

Igisomar said the intention is to maximize government resources, utilize the potentials of its employees, and develop an organized system for better results.

Besides these changes in the department, Igisomar also wants to see the department get accreditation from an international commerce insurance accreditation body, which will bring money to the CNMI. He eyes this target to be realized by 2020.

Throughout his tenure at the department, Igisomar said that one of their biggest challenges is a manpower shortage in almost all sections, with only one or two personnel doing all the work per division or section. This, he said, impacts the efficiency and operation of the department. Consolidating several sections, Igisomar said, will relieve this situation.

The Commerce Department also handles the following programs: CNMI ARRA Office, Economic and Labor, Enhancement Program, the Small Business Development Center, and the Military Integration Management Committee.

HUMANITIES COUNCIL RELEASES LATEST PUBLICATION

Book recounts life pre- and post-WWII

The NMI Humanities Council has released its latest publication under its Micronesian Authors Initiative.

The book by Marie S.C. Castro is titled *Without a Penny in My Pocket: My Bittersweet Memories Before and After World War II.*

The book's back cover describes *Without a Penny in My Pocket* as a moving personal account by Castro, who was born and raised on Saipan. Her story begins in the 1930s when the Northern Mariana Islands were still a part of the Japan.

Castro describes her early childhood in a traditional, close-knit Chamorro family at a time when island life revolved around the farm, family, and the Catholic Church.

The warmth and security of her family life contrasted sharply with the harsh discipline she experienced while attending elementary school taught by strict Japanese teachers.

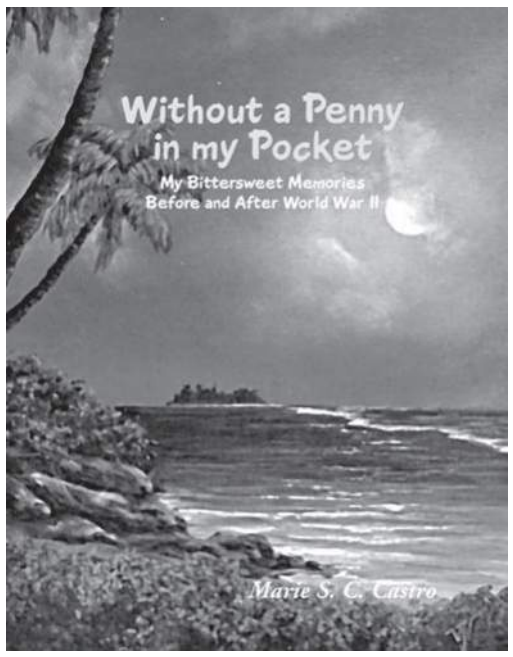
Her peaceful life was interrupted by the outbreak of World War II during which Saipan became a bloody battleground fought over by Japanese and American forces.

Castro recounts a terrifying three weeks during which her family, short on food and water and under constant bombardment, moved from place to place in search of safety, only to be found by American troops at the very end of the battle.

A few months later, the then 11-year-old Castro and other local youngsters were the guests at an American-style Christmas party hosted by men of the 101st Naval Construction Battalion, the famed "Seabees." This joyful and exciting event was Castro's introduction to American life.

Following the war, Castro dedicated herself to the Catholic Church and became a nun in the Mercederian Order.

After teaching for more than a decade on Saipan, Castro started a new chapter in her life when she left the island for a teaching assignment in Kansas City, Missouri, a journey she made without a penny in her pocket.



Castro returned to secular life in the late 1960s but continued her career as a teacher in Kansas City. In the 1990s, she became reacquainted with men of the 101st Seabees and began regularly attending their annual reunions during which they reflected on their wartime experiences and their very special Christmas party.

Without a Penny in My Pocket is 181 pages long and has numerous illustrations. It is priced at $35 and is available at the Humanities Council's office at the Springs Plaza in Gualo Rai.

The council established the Micronesian Authors Initiative in 2004 to promote the literary works of indigenous Micronesian writers.

Castro's book is the fourth produced under this initiative. The others include *Microchild: An Anthology of Poetry* by Valentine Sengebau (2004); *The Rope of Tradition* by Lino Olopai (2005); and *Estoria-Hu* by Tun Juan Sanchez (2009). ***(Mark Rabago)***

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

880 Duty Free is inviting qualified U.S. workers to fill the following positions:

Training Manager (01)

Job Duties: Trains and leads the team to execute and present the best displays in Kanoa and Fiesta Resort. In charge of organizing the layout and order of the retail store to facilitate the customer's shopping experience. Makes the decisions on what items stay on the floor and what placement ensures the best sales. Drive branding and business objectives/sales through excellent execution of visual merchandising and presentation. Utilize all company tools, visual talent, and knowledge to plan, map, and execute monthly floor sets incorporating appropriate store specific adaptations as necessary. Develop and implement brand appropriate solutions to address these unique needs. Continually analyze and respond to business/selling trends, assortment needs, and guest feedback--proactively adapt merchandising and presentations as needed. Ensure all signing and graphics are installed and maintained to company standards. Maintain two-way communication with appropriate partners regarding visual merchandising and store maintenance. Greet all guests with a genuine/authentic smile and personalized offer to help with their shopping needs when appropriate. Actively participate in store-related meetings, training sessions, and store visits. Receptive to feedback and coaching. Personally support each season's trends and the brand's forward direction as outlined in the company dress code policy. Maintain neat, orderly, and accessible, prop and sign storage areas. Other duties and responsibilities as needed.

Requirements: College degree preferred. Minimum of 2 years experience in visual merchandising, presentation, and training. Specialty retailer preferred. Must have excellent customer service skills. Strong demonstrated visual merchandising/presentation skills--detail oriented and self-motivated to execute to the highest standards. Innovative thinker/problem solver. Knowledgeable of current fashion and visual merchandising trends and able to effectively interpret/apply to our brand. Able to read and analyze retail reports and take action as necessary to adjust merchandising and presentation set ups. Proficient with basic computer programs (Word, Excel, Outlook), digital photography, and basic photo software. Strong interpersonal skills--written and verbal communication; listening and follow through. Able to articulate and explain ideas and concepts. Strong time management skills. Ability to set and achieve goals in a timely manner. Strong organizational and process planning skills. Attention to details. English and Chinese speaker preferred.

Salary will be paid and positions will be filled commensurate with qualification, work experience and ability to perform. Worksite locations are on Saipan and at all 880 Duty Free and Century Tours, Inc. offices. Applications may be obtained at the Century Tours, Inc. Office at the Kanoa Resort Ground Floor located on Beach Road in Susupe, Saipan while resumes may be emailed at camille.orallo@saipan.travel. All resumes and applications must be submitted to the Human Resources Department at the Century Tours, Inc. Front Office no later than Friday, August 01, 2013. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Century Tours, Inc. is inviting qualified U.S. workers to fill the following positions:

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Requirements: Bachelor's degree or equal degree. Previous presenter & trainer or relevant experience preferred. Positive interpersonal skills. High skill of presentation and sales ability. Good computer and typing skills are required. Excel and Word proficiency. Excellent listening and comprehension skills. Excellent customer service skills. English and Chinese speaker preferred.

Accounting Manager (01)

Job Duties: Establish financial status by developing and implementing systems for collecting, analyzing, verifying, and reporting financial information. Manage staff. Accomplishes accounting human resource objectives. Communicate job expectations; planning, monitoring, appraising, and reviewing job contributions. Plan and review compensation actions. Enforce policies and procedures. Achieve accounting operational objectives by contributing accounting information and recommendations to strategic plans and reviews. Prepare and complete action plans. Implement productivity, quality, and customer-service standards. Resolve problems, complete audits, identify trends. Determine system improvements and implement change. Meet accounting financial objectives. Prepare annual budget. Schedule expenditures. Analyze variances, initiate corrective actions. Confirm financial status by monitoring revenue and expenses. Coordinate the collection, consolidation, and evaluation of financial data. Prepare special reports. Maintain accounting controls by establishing a chart of accounts; defining accounting policies and procedures. Guide other departments by researching and interpreting accounting policy. Apply observations and recommendations to operational issues. Maintain financial security by establishing internal controls. Avoid legal challenges by understanding current and proposed legislation. Enforce accounting regulations and recommend new procedures. Protect organization's value by keeping information confidential. Updates job knowledge by participating in educational opportunities. Participate in professional organizations. Accomplishes accounting and organization mission by completing related results as needed.

Requirements: College degree with financial management major and 5 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 3 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management activities .Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage people. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) system and Microsoft software. Excellent customer service skills. Knowledge of standard office equipments. English and Chinese speaker preferred.

Front Desk (02)

Job Duties: Interact with guests and ensure they have a great experience during their stay. Responsible for responding to guest calls or inquiries about room reservations, to provide information and reserve rooms for guests. Answer incoming calls and assist with reservations, confirmations, room need requests, and questions. Explain products, service and other info as requested. Sell, process and enter and confirm room reservations using selling techniques and strategies. Greet guests warmly and perform registration procedures. Provide guests with appropriate room assignments, room keys, directions to the rooms, while up-selling when appropriate. Verify payment for stay including incidental costs by obtaining credit information. Assist guests with issues and complaints, with empathy and a focus on guest satisfaction, use supervisor support when necessary. Answer incoming calls in a timely manner with appropriate greeting. Maintain accurate logs of mail, packages, parcels or other items for guest delivery. Post charges to guest accounts as designated. Facilitate guest departures providing accurate statements and ensuring guest satisfaction and collecting all payments due. Other duties as assigned.

Requirements: High school diploma or equivalent. Previous guest service and reservations experience preferred. Positive interpersonal skills required. Good computer and typing skills are required. Excel and Word proficiency desired. Previous experience preferred. Excellent listening and comprehension skills required. English and Chinese speaker preferred.

IT Network Technician (01)

Job Duties: Daily IT system and server maintaining, problem solving to ensure daily IT system working smoothly. Monitor and provide solution for network security. Provide on-going communication with Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing and other satellite offices and local departments regarding server problem or other issues when needed. Maintain the enterprise`s IT security documents (policies, standards, guidelines and procedures). Perform regular security awareness/IT knowledge for all employees to ensure consistently high levels of compliance with enterprise security documents. Provide orientation to new users of existing technology. Maintain log and/or list of required repairs and maintenance when cost occurs or same problem comes often. Provide network access, email account set up, PC preparation, etc. for new employee before joining. Operate as technician during tour presentation, such as light adjusting, music controlling, etc. Other duties as assigned.

Requirements: At least 4 years Bachelor degree in computer science or relevant field. At least 2 years prior experience required, both on IT industry and Exhibition industry. Be familiar with hardware and software, network operating system/administration/installation, Email and internet programs, computer viruses and security. Flexibility to perform assigned tasks independently or as part of a work team. Sense of urgency. Ability to manage multiple priorities and meet frequent short timeline goals and deadlines. Knowledge of ERP is preferred. English and Chinese speaker preferred.

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Saipan Awaodori Team: Pride of the CNMI

The Saipan Awaodori Team is currently the only group from outside Japan given the honor of taking part in the monthlong Awaodori dance festival across the Tokushima Prefecture, according to PDM Promoters' Sonia Siwa.

"Tokyo Tensuiren is the only Awaodori group in Japan that has a foreign group as a member out of Japan. The Saipan Awaodori Team is their branch member. Some groups have foreign members but they reside and are staying in Japan. Everywhere they perform, the crowd is curious and asking where our kids are from," she said.

Six Saipan Awaodori Team members are currently in Japan: musician/drummers Zacarias Sakisat, Mitsunobu and Ran Suzuki, and dancers Ronald Fitipol Fernandez, Eliza Lazaro, and Itheyvin They. Two more will arrive in Japan on Aug. 11—dancers Nyla Julie Sablan Ogumoro and Cody Josiah Litulumar.

"PDM Promoters, Inc. is very proud of the Saipan Awaodori Team's participation in the Awaodori Festival in Japan. They help promote Saipan as a tourist destination. Tokyo Tensuiren, the mother group of the Saipan Awaodori Team, is always very proud to announce the Saipan Awaodori kids during their performances," said Siwa.

She said the Saipan Awaodori Team's participation in this year's festival marks a number of firsts.

"During the past six years that we've been sending kids to the festival, this is the first time the Saipan Awaodori Team has joined the Tokyo Tensurien for a series of performances every weekend in different places of Japan from July to August and also the first time we have local *ohayashi* (musician/drummer) members joining the group. Before, the kids were only guest performers at Koenji Tokyo Festivals. This time they have their own performances and the audience members recognize them. We can say they are Saipan's ambassadors."

PDM Promoters CEO and director Misako Kamata are accompany the eight members of the Saipan Awaodori Team in Japan. Instructor Mayumi Suzuki will later join them. She is also a member of Tokyo Tensuiren.

The Saipan Awaodori Team is expected to return to Saipan on Aug. 28.

Awaodori is derived from the Tokushima's ancient name, which is Awa, while *odori* is Japanese for dance.

The Awaodori Festival is held from July to August in Japan and is meant to usher the souls of ancestors during the *obon* season.

During the festival, groups of choreographed dancers and musicians known as *ren* dance through the streets, typically accompanied by the *shamisen* lute, *taiko* drums, *shinobue* flute, and the *kane* bell. Performers wear traditional *obon* dance costumes, and chant and sing as they parade through the streets. ***(Mark Rabago)***

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Saipan Awaodori Team members Ran Suzuki, Itheyvin They, Elisa Lazaro, and Zacarias Sakisat pose together with the Ohayasi members (musicians) of the Tokyo Tensuiren group during the Awaodori Festival in Kitamachi in Tokyo, Japan last July 27.

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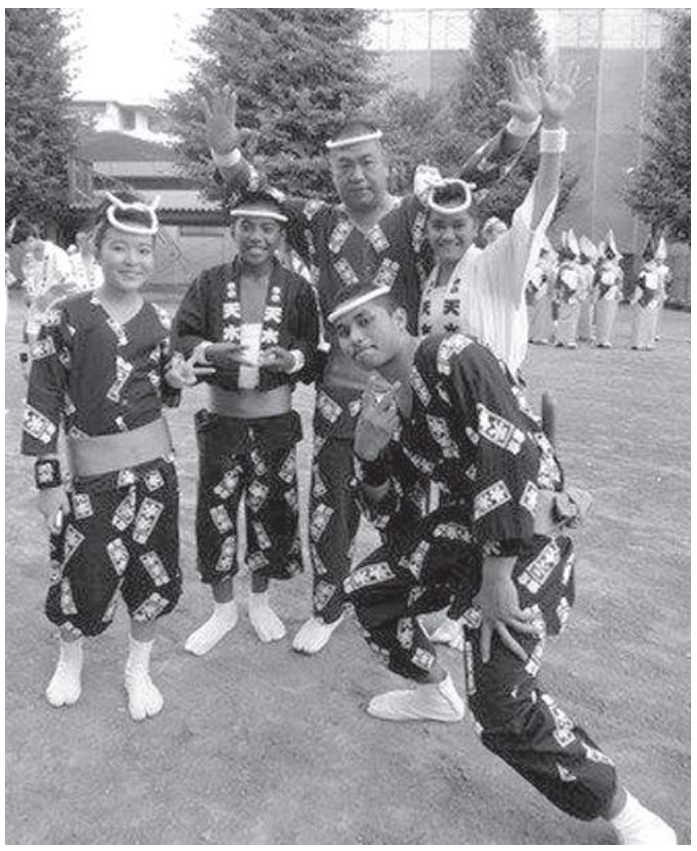
Saipan Awaodori Team's Itheyvin They makes peace signs while enjoying the Awaoodri Festival in Kitamachi.



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Saipan Awaodori Team members with the Rencho (head master) of Tokyo Tensuiren Iwanami-san.

Dr. Michael Clement featured in Sunday radio show

University of Guam history professor Dr. Michael Clement will be featured on this Sunday's Your Humanities Half-Hour radio program.

Clement will talk about the upcoming 2nd Marianas History Conference that will be held in Guam on Aug. 30-31.

The conference, "One Archipelago, Many Stories: Integrating our Narratives," is sponsored by the University of Guam, the Guam Preservation Trust, Guampedia, and the Northern Marianas Humanities Council.

Fifty-four local, regional, and international scholars will make presentations at this conference on a wide range of topics relating to local history and culture.

Clement, who serves as the conference's co-chair, is an assistant professor of history at the University of Guam. He holds a Ph.D. in history from the University of Hawaii. His recent work has focused on political and cultural history in post-World War II Guam.

Your Humanities Half-Hour, hosted by Catherine Perry, airs each Sunday afternoon from 2pm to 2:30 on Power 99.

It features interviews with scholars, researchers, teachers, and community leaders on a wide range of humanities topics of interest to the community. ***(PR)***

Water outage Friday in Koblerville

Residents of Koblerville will experience a nine-hour partial water outage on Friday, Aug. 2, 2013, from 8 am to 5pm, according to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

The purpose of this water outage is to allow CUC's contractor, AIC Marianas Inc., to replace non-working fire hydrants on Tinaktak Dr. This project is part of the Koblerville gate valve and fire hydrant replacement project funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The partial water outage on Friday will affect residents living on Tinaktak Dr., Tottotville, and higher elevation homes in Koblerville.

Because of the scale of the work to be performed, CUC recommends that motorists take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the construction sites.

Direct inquiries to project manager Yvonne Cabrera at (670) 235-7025-30 Ext. 324. ***(CUC)***

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

August 1, 2005

'Atomic bombing was Armageddon'

It was totally pitch dark. Smoke all around the city and the temperature was so high, people almost couldn't breathe. It was Armageddon. Thus recalled survivors of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings on Aug. 6 and 9, 1945, which ultimately brought an end to World War II. Three of the survivors of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings shared their experiences with distinguished guests that packed the American Memorial Park auditorium early yesterday morning in what is dubbed as the "Hibakusha Experience." Keijiro Matsushima and Fumiaki Kajiya represented the Hiroshima survivors, while Kiyoshi Nishida represented the survivors from Nagasaki.

JAL pullout: End of an era

Japan Airlines' decision to suspend flights to Saipan marks the end of an era for tourism in the CNMI, a local industry leader said. Lynn Knight, president of the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, noted that JAL was not simply an air service provider to the CNMI, but a major investor in the Commonwealth. "This is really the end of a chapter in our tourism industry. We're losing more than just the flights here," Knight said in reaction to JAL's official announcement that it would cease operation of its regular flights to Saipan starting Oct. 4, 2005. Knight recalled that, at one point, the airline ran eight businesses in the CNMI, including Hotel Nikko Saipan and the La Fiesta Shopping Complex, which has been sold to the CNMI government.

August 1, 2006

NMI cut from US wage hike bill

The CNMI has been cut from the Republican-sponsored minimum wage hike bill that passed the U.S. House of Representatives over the weekend, according to special assistant for economic affairs Richard A. Pierce. The bill, H.R. 5970, hurdled the House on a vote of 230-180. "During deliberation, and before H.R. 5970 was on the House floor, it was decided not to include the CNMI in the minimum wage section of the House version," said Pierce, who just got back from Washington D.C. He said Democrat congressman George Miller was ready to move to recommit the CNMI within the wage section, "but it was decided by the majority to not allow this to be accomplished, and his attempt failed."

Business operations suffer due to outages

Due to the ongoing power outages, businesses without generators have to either close their offices or endure the hot temperature for at least two hours a day. Big Dipper, the island's popular ice cream bar, had to shut down its operation yesterday from noon to 2pm for lack of electricity. In summer, after lunch time is busiest for the ice cream parlor. "We have to close the shop because we can't compromise the ice cream. Ice cream needs to be at the coolest temperature," said Big Dipper store manager Mely Bacani in an interview yesterday. Based on estimates, she said the store loses from $50 to $200 during the two-hour power outage.

August 1, 2007

Headnote 3(a) amendment is introduced in US House

Two U.S. House of Representatives lawmakers have introduced a new bill that seeks to amend the tariff code as it applies to the importation of products to the United States from U.S. territories, including the Northern Marianas. U.S. Rep. Jeff Flake (R-Arizona) and U.S. House Delegate Luis Fortuno (R-Puerto Rico) introduced H.R. 3165, the "Insular Areas Trade Enhancement Act", in the U.S. House of Representatives on July 24, 2007. H.R. 3165 would amend the General Notes of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States with respect to certain products imported from United States insular possessions.

Villagomez tasked anew on CUC

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has tasked Lt. Gov. Timothy P. Villagomez anew to focus on the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and "bring it back on the right financial track." "The governor is not pleased with what's going on at CUC. The Lt. Governor is tasked to clean up CUC's financial [situation]," said press secretary Charles Reyes in an interview. In particular, the governor was alarmed by recent reports of CUC's plan to hire more people at this time of serious financial crisis. Despite a hiring freeze, CUC recently asked the administration if it could hire 20 people for various positions.

Guam Guard celebrates Liberation Day in Afghanistan

GRAFFITI-FREE
Community volunteer Tony Angello repaints the Gualo Rai PSS bus stop to remove unsightly graffiti. Angello supplied all the paint and supplies and worked in cooperation with Magggie Sablan, Tan Siu Lin Foundation manager. Keep Saipan beautiful and graffiti-free!

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By SGT EDDIE SIGUENZA
TASK FORCE GUAM

CAMP PHOENIX, Afghanistan—Guam Army National Guardsmen from the 1-294th Infantry Regiment celebrated Guam's 69th Liberation Day last July 21 but they muted the event as a sign of respect for Ramadan, the Muslim holy month. Ramadan started early July and continues until Aug. 7.

July 21 served as a time of reflection when the United States military freed Guam from Japanese occupation during World War II. Japan's imperial forces overtook Guam 1941-1944, marking a critical period in Guam's history. But on that significant day, Army and Marine units fought through Japan's defenses and reclaimed the island back for the native Chamorros.

"The occupation was a time of tremendous hardship for the Chamorro people, our people, and the indigenous people of Guam," said 1st Sgt. Noel Leon Guerrero, first sergeant, Charlie Company, Task Force Guam. "Residents of Guam were subjected to forced labor, forced marches and deprivation at the hands of the enemy. The entire population was forced to march to several internment camps in Guam."

Coincidentally, July 21 marked the 32nd birthday of the Guam National Guard. Its command headquarters was first established July 21, 1981, with 32 original charter members. The organization's authorized strength has grown to more than 1,700 members between its Army and Air Guard commands.

Guam's liberation festivities are annually held with a carnival, parade and fiesta-style barbecues. Task Force Guam's multiple units are dispersed throughout Afghanistan, so Liberation Day was celebrated based upon each unit's location.

"We hosted a barbecue for the [Regional Command-South] staff and leadership. We introduced the island cuisine to all invited," said Maj. Florante Manaloto, commander, Foxtrot Company, Task Force Guam, located in Kandahar, southern Afghanistan.

"This celebration is near and dear to our hearts, it's when family and friends camp out, barbecue and sleep a day or two before the big parade," said Task Force Guam's Alpha Company 1st Sgt. Joe S.A. Lizama, stationed at Camp Spann and Forward Operating Base Kunduz in northeast Afghanistan. However, Alpha Company moved their Liberation Day events to July 18 to accommodate the local population's work schedule. Also, Guam Guardsmen were scheduled to be on mission July 21.

"It was much more beneficial and safer for our soldiers to barbecue toward the evening hours. Weather has been well over 100 degrees," Lizama said. "Most importantly, since we are in the Ramadan season, we wanted to ensure that we respect our local Afghanistan employees, their culture, and beliefs."

Guam's liberation is very significant to Guam's island community. Close to 600 Chamorri warriors volunteered for this historic Operation Enduring Freedom mission to assure the safety and freedom of their island in connection with helping the Afghanistan people.

"Our commitment to democracy comes with a price and this is why I serve to do my part," Maj. Rick Flores, Charlie Company commander, said. "Liberation is a reminder of the soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen who gave their lives to liberate us and fought for our freedom."

"It means even more to us that we are in Afghanistan. Our families and the whole island can enjoy the freedom to celebrate even after 69 years, because our soldiers sacrifice their luxury and comfort of their home so we all can continue to enjoy the very freedom our fallen heroes had sacrificed their lives for."

"The Liberation of Guam is one of the most important commemorations held annually for the Chamorro people," Leon Guerrero stated. "Liberation Day is a time of remembrance and celebration. The people of Guam commemorate the sacrifices of those who endured the occupation and those who gave their lives to liberate the island. We celebrate the triumph of our people over adversity and oppression."

USP4GG: 'Boycott China' campaign taking root

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The US Pinoys for Good Governance Marianas Chapter led by chairperson Dr. Celia Lamkin, third from right, in collaboration with the Association of Filipino Pastors on Saipan, conduct an educational forum regarding the issues on the West Philippine Sea at the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion. From left, John Peñalosa (representing Pastor Paul Medina, president of the Association of Filipino Pastors on Saipan), pastors Danny Ibanez, Brendan Perez, Tony Gelua, and Noel Puno; USP4GG volunteer Rosendo Maceda, Lamkin, USP4GG member Nancy Baldo, and USP4GG volunteer Marie Ballares.

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US Pinoys for Good Governance National chair Loida Nicolas Lewis said her group's call for the boycott of Chinese-made products has apparently been so effective that a Chinese media group has already labeled her "China's Enemy No. 1"

"It is effective that China television has a news item about Loida Nicolas Lewis being China's Enemy No. 1," noted Lewis in an email to the *Saipan Tribune*.

The group has been calling for Filipinos and other nationalities worldwide to essentially boycott "Made in China" product to protest the People's Republic of China's occupation of Philippine territory in the South China Sea or, as USP4GG calls it, the West Philippine Sea.

"Keep alert and be easy to stand up for Mother Philippines when China acts to intimidate and possess any part of West Philippine Sea. Join a rally, write President Obama, send letters to the editor of your local newspaper. As our saying goes, *'Nasa tao ang gawa, nasa Diyos ang awa'* [God helps those who help themselves]," Lewis added

She said that USP4GG's efforts in making the world understand China's aggression in the region has been gaining ground.

"There at least 30 news release about the rally. CNN, BBC, and local media TV stations covered it. Reuters, Japan, and China News Agency covered it more. More and more people are beginning to know China's imperialistic efforts to amass sources of energy wherever China finds it," she said.

The rally Lewis is referring to was the July 24 anti-China protest on Saipan, in the Philippines, and U.S. mainland.

The rally that day marked the first anniversary of China's creation of the "Sansha City" prefecture, which was created to oversee and administer the 1-million-square-mile South China Sea, which straddles large chunks of neighboring countries like the Philippines.

Lewis is a former general attorney for Immigration and Naturalization Services and has written several books on U.S. immigration law. She is also the former CEO of investment firm TLC Beatrice.

While the boycott of Chinese-made product cannot be measured tangibly, USP4GG legal counsel and spokesman Ted Laguatan feels the movement is slowly taking root.

"While it's difficult to quantify the effects of the continuing campaign to boycott China's products, for sure, it has significant effects. The more citizens of the world become conscious of so many products being manufactured in China and how this contributes to the economy and military power of a giant nation with no moral principles, the less products from China will be sold."

He said many nations are now thinking of bringing back to their countries the manufacturing operations of their corporations, not only to restore jobs to their citizens but also because of concern about China's "dangerous and greedy propensities."

"The boycott of Chinese products and likewise the continuing campaign to expose to the world China's bullying ways, including invading and occupying Philippine territory, will continue to cause a negative world opinion impression on China's militarist communist leaders. This can also lead to internal strife and destabilization in China. Filipinos and their friends in the CNMI and throughout the world should continue in the sacred effort to resist China's bullying and grabbing ways. Continue to campaign for the boycott of China's products and to campaign to publicly expose China's invasion and occupation of Philippine territories to grab our oil."

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EDITORIAL

America's favorite freedom

When it comes to the Bill of Rights, what's not to like? The first 10 amendments to the Constitution affirm fundamental freedoms guaranteed to all Americans.

If we had to choose a favorite, it would be hard to argue against the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

It has so much packed into it, five liberties that share the singular ideal that the people's minds are their own. Americans may believe, say, print, discuss and ask for what they want, regardless of whether the government likes it. Only in the most narrowly circumscribed ways may the government interfere.

And if we had to choose just one of those five rights, we might go with a free press lest we lose our journalist cards, but free speech would be in the running.

We were heartened, then, to see that a plurality of Americans surveyed also recognize just how valuable free speech is. In the most recent annual survey by the First Amendment Center at the Newseum, nearly half of Americans (47 percent) named speech as their favorite freedom. Nothing else even came close. Religion came in second (10 percent), followed by freedom of choice (7 percent) and the rights to vote and bear arms (5 percent each) You can read the full report online at firstamendmentcenter.org.

Not everyone loves the First Amendment, though. About one-third of Americans surveyed think it goes too far. That was almost double the rate of the previous year.

The survey did not probe why so many people believe the First Amendment is too broad. The report itself speculates that the Boston Marathon bombing might have had something to do with it. The survey was conducted soon afterward, and a similar spike occurred after Sept. 11, 2001. In the aftermath of terrorism, Americans are more willing to temporarily compromise freedom in the name of security.

When an idea challenges, it is a fool's errand to try to squelch it. The best counter to speech is more speech, a marketplace of ideas from which the best can emerge. As soon as government begins to pick and choose which speech, which religion, which meetings and which press are worthwhile, the game is lost.

Free speech is a cornerstone of a successful democracy, necessary for an informed electorate. The people must be able to talk about what their government does without fear of reprisals.

If Americans could not criticize elected officials who do bad things, if they could not praise those who do good things and if they could not freely discuss the issues of the day, government would be less accountable and public life far less vibrant.

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The ick factor for politicians maxes out

Anthony Weiner, stop acting like your name. And we don't mean "Carlos Danger," the *nom de* 'net that apparently attracts starry-eyed romantics online. That, and genital snapshots.

Elliot Spitzer—forget it. You had to quit as governor because

See EDITORIAL on next page

On this day

We'll go with the Chinese way of naming age by recognizing that today is the first day of the sixty-ninth year of our existence.

I am definitely a boy of the nuclear age. We are not just being metaphorical. The innocently named "little boy" slated to be dropped in August 1 was put together on Tinian at the same time I wailed into the world. Inclement weather kept it on the ground but five days later, its flash over the skies of Hiroshima snuffed 60,000 breaths in seconds.

Dennis Farina, aka detective Joe Fontana in TV's *Law & Order* and a real Chicago cop, our old hangout town, died at 69. At our age, we can begin writing the valedictory siren song of a multifaceted one-life journey.

Such were our thoughts for a whole month as we traversed diagonally the length of China from Liaoning to Sichuan and back. We despaired over the plight of the Tibetan Zang as they grapple with the overwhelming command of the Han in the gullies and valleys, rivers and streams of their former lands.

On the other hand, ethnic minorities are exactly that, minorities. With the overwhelming majority of the Han, as it is with the "others" over the fading indigenes of the northern Marianas, use of real estate is not a question of sacred ownership in eternity, but stewardship in the survival of the human race in the here-and-now. Or, crassly, its commercial use.

Szechuan numbed our palate as red as truly the color of my true love's not-so-sedate lair! The last time we sweated out such pepper was in Guatemala and India but we were younger then, with our body still able to withstand the spicy assault.

The mudslides and swollen rivers of Ya'an earthquake country drove home the condition of our planet's loosened plates and the effect of climate change, making the region's infrastructures on the shaky side to provide the transport means to get around the area.

We were amused at Chongqing and its just-like-any-other-metropolis in the world character—a New York here complete with pizza and the mafia, and a Tokyo there with the glitter of a Ginza, a touch of Paris by the Seine with an emaciated *frére* at Montmartre and a rotund *padre* of Tejas ladling minestrone in Rione di Trastevere outside the Vatican, a whiff of San Francisco by the Bay and the river breeze of the Mississippi by St. Louis. But for the summer heat, it would be our kind of town!

We had a couple of Taoist monks on the Shiyan train on our way to Zhengzhou. They just finished a three-year course at a monastery. The younger one was preoccupied with the way his black hat and white legging were to be worn. Their whole *tao* attire was black except the legging. The older practiced his English. He had an evangelical zeal to win over converts to his religious practice. The simplicity of his *qi gong* and *t'ai chi ch'uan* offered company that was delightful. He reminded me of my prejudice that sees spirituality in the realm of the mind.

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Our physique in the summer of 2013 is a factor that requires constant attention, but it is the expression of our consciousness—our sense, emotions, thoughts, and will—our spirit, in life's pilgrimage, longing to be expressed. We had not been gifted with the art and discipline of audio-visual discourse, but our feeble musings in this page has at least gotten us an audience.

So we report our epiphany. It was in the middle of the square at Zhengzhen between the train and the bus stations that we watched raw China in the flesh, with all the stranded passengers who could only purchase a train ticket they could afford and have to wait, sleeping under the stars until their train comes. The little ones did not care; they played their games anyway.

The noise and din of the moment would have been enough to send us back to the quiet monastery for comfort but not this time. In fact, I felt I was in my element. The pilgrimage of the boy from agrarian Cuyapo has always been in a crowd, and as we used to say in an older language, "in but not of this world."

Standing in the middle of the square, the old *lao ye* (grandpa) understood again what it meant to be at the center tranquil. It is not the external situation that determines our fortitude, as it is the inner resolve to undertake the journey, however it comes, that does.

In my mind of careening trains and hooting semis, humanity in mudslides and quakes, masses in subways and squares, a crying 6-year-old who was spanked for the first time, I was not fazed by the darkness nor in a hurry to get into the light. There was nothing in this world that diminished our delight in the life we live. Nothing to add; nothing to take away.

We recall our musing about YHWH and the *tao* as the-way-life-is while in the environs of Wudangshan. We first encountered that phrase from Dag Hammarskjold who wrote, "The Way has chosen you, and you must be thankful."

Gratitude as a lifestyle remains from our Christian upbringing. As a child of grace, even if my twin brother is a bomb, I am, nevertheless, grateful. At the Zhengzhou Square, I walked to a nearby fruit stand, split a watermelon, bought a boiled corn on the cob, gave half of the *xigua* to the 6-year-old, and the corn to his sister.

They did not bat an eye with their *xie xie*. I am not the only grateful one!

Kinalamten pot kuttura

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Hu huhuñgog ekun palabra siha pot kuttura gi 'nos kuantos grupu guine. 'Nai hu pesa kau sustansiau yan lehitimu i mafafama na asuntu siha, anog gi santatte na mau'usa kuttura kulan frente (tampen sinetnan) pot interes personat. Taigue i hineñge yan sinseyu na kinimite pot kutturan yan tradison tanu'.

Yangin guaha gi entre hamyu man-pinika ni fino'hu, pues maila' ta tutuhon esplikasion ginen hamyu haf" sustansian tanu' siha guine gi O'Perlas iya Pasifiku. Haf" gaige desde antes gi tatten frenten palabra ni tafanana'an tanu'? Ansianu-yu' umekuñgog haf" kinemprenden miyu nu este na asuntu. Seguruyu' na siña in' danche buena i asuntu lau palalae' ham ni tomtum yan intelihente na kinemprende miyu.

Dispues de ennau, konbensi-yu' na un' hoñgge haf" un' sasañgan. Kau sinseyu kinimitemu para un' esgaihon i tropa ginen destrosiun hinigua' iran destrosiau siha na tinilaika?. Sañgane-yu' na listu hau mumattit ha'animu pot kuttura yan tradision natibu guine. Tutuhon este ginen tinige'mu ya un' planta klaru haf" hinassomu. Mauleg unna' liliku' ennau na tinige' pot para ke siña otru siha mañeluta u fan libre tumaitai yan benefisia pinigamu.

I uttimu sensura pot kinemprenden kuttura yan tradision gaige gi guihan mafute'. Ti bai' esplika este estake hu lie' tinige' miyu gi finaisen-hu siha na kuestion gi ge'hilu'.

Tanu' Natibu

Ha faisenyu' un' amiguhu a'paka' ginen lagu haf" difirensian mame. Hu dagau kuestion siha gi ge'hiyuñg dispues hu tutuhon humala halom i kutdet-hu. Hu oppe gi taiguine:

"I tanu' 'nai mafañagu hau todu plinachae' taki' kabayu, guaka, espiritun Indian ni in' chile'guan ni tanu' niha yan homhum lastru 'nai in' pinu' yan mattrata i neguru.

"Mafañagu-yu' gi gasgas na unai ni finagagase diariu ni ma'asen tasi. Hame i tautau isla. Hamyu i bisita. Eyag rumespeta i lugat natibu sa' man-sensasaga hamyu gi lugat mame".

Ni haf" taimanu, natibu i ma'gas este siha na islas.

Otru asuntu siha

Guaha prinipone para uma-usa salape' depattamientun tanu (DPL) para apas "land compensation". Gai minauleg i intension, lau kau mahusga haye gai dibi i makeke apase? Na ti dibin gobietnu este? Haf" na salape' i indigenous people (tautau tanu') para umana setbe pot dibin gobietnu?

Kulan nuebu na katsu sinedda' i lehislatura. Finenina, dispues de mana' "broke" i programan man-ritirau, ma-apprueba otru modun dibi mafanana'an pension obligation bond. Gi papa' este na planu, para umadibiye i fondu otru dibi. Este na dibi tiha satba i taya' fondu para apas man-ritirau.

Pot siankassu na umayau i Fondu $40 miyon pesus, na ti magahet na i pagamienton man-ritirau ennau i $65 miyon pesus gi sakan? Haf" na para i man-inosiente (famaguonta) u inapase este na dibi? Haye gai diskuidu este—famaguonta pat i man-mikotbata na man-ma'gasta?

Siña ha' mauleg na intension lau mampos na'tatah na ineppe gi satbasion broke fondun man-ritirau.

Silensiun sanhalom

Dispues de konbetsason-hu yan maseha haye na prohimu, hu birayu' dispues ya hu akanteha i man-sañgan espesiatmente i silensiu na patte ni ti oppan ginen hinassoña.

Mientras sige ham umadiñgan, hu a'atan todu kinalamteña sa' gaige sumen keha haf" sanhalomña ginen aksioña mismu.

'An un' guadog i silensiu na patte gi prohimu(ma), un' soda' kau gef'ilu, tomtum, humidde, tramposu, malate', atrabisau yan otru siha fina' pinayoña.

'An gai frinesku, hu sotta kutdethu para bai' haguet dispues. Gigon gatdun ya ha traban maisague', hu dispensa silensiu. Polu ya guiya u guadog haf" konbetsasion mame.

Pot ihemplo: Faisen maseha haye, "Hafa Katan?" Siempre un' lie' kau ume'ekuñgog pat umadiñgu pachotña yan titanosña. Megai hu sensura nu este na kuestion. Memegaiña manlache ineppen niha.

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Ha pesa i patgon i matago'ña siboyas. 'Nai ha lie' i tenderu na unu imedia libraña, ha faisen i patgon para pega tatte gi estante. Finaisen sa' hafa? Ineppe, "Ai ihu, yangin ti hagu maliñgu pues guahu". Hombre tiha tuñgu' i tenderu kumatkula numeru dispues de inipos, unu, dos, tres, etc. Gigon sumaunau media yan otru numeru, bulachu ensegidas hinassoña.

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Tumohge on paluman kakag gi flores mayu. Ai na minasogsug i ga'ga'. Entre guahu, "Sis malag mamanu hau pindehu 'nai mapatte i pan yan guihan gi tutuhon i tanu'?"

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Ha email-yu' i amiguhu Bruno Dela Pozza na esta mana' halomgue' gi lañget. "Lau cha'mu sasañgan na ginen Marianas hau sa' ensegidas yinegua hau as San Pedro". Hu email si San Pedro pot ansianuyu' kumetuñgu' haf" binibuña. Hombre ke unu ti sumaunauyu' gi halom 700 na kattan para lañget para Marianas.

Blinded by the war on terrorism

By SARAH CHAYES
Los Angeles Times

Sarah Chayes, a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment and served as special assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 2010 to 2011. She wrote this for the Los Angeles Times.

"This is a great time to be a white-collar criminal."

An assistant U.S. attorney I know startled me with this remark in 2002. The bulk of her FBI investigators, she explained, had been pulled off to work on terrorism, which left traditional crime investigations sorely understaffed.

Little has changed since then. For more than a decade, the U.S. government has been focused on one type of threat above all others: terrorism. This obsession has not only been used to justify an erosion of Americans' privacy, it has opened them to other dangers and, paradoxically, made it easier for terrorists to achieve success.

Let me explain.

During the years I worked in the Pentagon, 2010 and 2011, officials there were responding to what many understood to be an implied directive from the commander in chief: to bring the risk of terrorist attack on U.S. soil to 0 percent. The entire apparatus swiveled toward that single goal.

And it wasn't just the Pentagon. Since 2001, the Central Intelligence Agency has evolved to resemble a paramilitary organization, with most of its effort directed at killing individual suspected terrorists.

But the single-minded focus on that task has led to myopia elsewhere. I have repeatedly watched members of the intelligence community, in their drive to target individuals, overlook other critical aspects even of violent extremism, including how the groups' structures evolve, how they are financed or what underlying grievances fuel them.

Because of the fixation on killing specific terrorist leaders, the intelligence community is neglecting other critical phenomena, such as developments in China, the governance deficit in Arab countries or the use of Africa by transnational criminal networks.

Demanding zero risk of terrorism at home, moreover, makes it easier for terrorists to succeed. If the bar is set at zero, then a single successful attack means the terrorists have triumphed. And it is likely to produce the kind of dramatic overreaction that, according to Osama bin Laden's own writings, is al-Qaida's ultimate aim: disrupting the U.S. economy, obtaining a disproportionate psychological impact and eroding the trademark values and liberties of U.S. society.

Given the other threats that are being ignored, the question arises as to whether the doubling down on terrorism is truly aimed at protecting Americans.

White-collar crime, for example, is not victimless. Directly and indirectly, it endangers us all. As David Gomez suggested in Foreign Policy recently, more FBI focus on fraudulent banking practices in the early 2000s might have warded off the most catastrophic economic meltdown since the Depression.

Resources have been drained from myriad other risks too. The number of automobile accidents, say, could be reduced with increased availability of public transport. A lack of resources for improving infrastructure has arguably resulted in greater damage from recent natural disasters. But these risks don't seem to capture political leaders' interest the way the possibility of a terrorist attack does.

One explanation might be that it's not really us most of these officials are concerned with protecting. It is their own reputations. The last thing they want is for an attack to occur on their watch, so they have slighted other priorities to provide nearly infinite resources for counter-terrorism; they have overridden principles that used to govern the treatment of detainees and search-and-seizure practices. Ultimately, they have mobilized the vast national security structure to protect not U.S. citizens, as they claim, but their own tenures and legacies.

"You can't have 100 percent security and also then have 100 percent privacy," pronounced President Obama in an initial reaction to revelations about U.S. government surveillance of Americans' telephone communications and worldwide online traffic. "We're going to have to make some choices as a society."

Indeed. But the question is whether we are making the right ones.

It's time to regain some balance. A frightened public needs its leadership to work to bring panic within the bounds of reason, not play to it.

No one denies that terrorism is a real and ongoing threat that must be addressed. No one denies the tragedy of lives that have been cut short or wrecked by terrorist attacks. But those tragedies are no more bitter than deaths due to other preventable threats. It is time for the United States, and its political leaders, to begin getting over it.

EDITORIAL

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of hiring prostitutes, which is, besides being icky, illegal. Why should New York City pick you as comptroller?

And San Diego Mayor Bob Filner? Whoa, didn't see that coming.

Until the 70-year-old Filner joined this summer's parade of sleazeball politicians admitting to serial degrading of women, we hoped this latest outbreak was an East Coast thing. But no, Filner apparently has cornered, groped and otherwise demeaned a variety of women, seven of whom have come forward so far. We particularly love the retired Navy rear admiral's story. Way to pick 'em, Mayor.

Friday Filner said he was checking into a clinic for treatment. He should resign. How can he work with women after this? And Weiner and Spitzer should quit their candidacies in New York City with a polite: "Oops! Never mind." Not that they'll listen to us—or to Democratic Party leaders, who are cringing en masse.

Weiner has enriched the New York City mayor's race with an infinite supply of off-color tabloid headlines and the interesting political strategy of not bothering to stop lewd behavior after it's disclosed. (What's up with his wife anyway? Still standing by him? Girl, we need to talk.)

Philandering politicians are not new, and many survive extramarital affairs. But the brazenness of these guys takes it to a new level.

Weiner says his personal conduct is irrelevant. Wrong. Public officials need good judgment—and respect for the opposite sex. Weiner and Filner are zeroes on those counts. As to Spitzer, we don't know what he's been up to lately. And we don't want to know. Enough!

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Holy smoke!

On Highway 101 heading south from San Francisco to San Jose California there is a big traffic sign that says, "HOLY SMOKE STREET." It reminds me of the path some people continue to follow when there are obviously better routes to my opinion.

I say holy smoke for the Republican Party because it is this very party that partied with the Retirement Fund's income during the good ol' days, resulting in the very situation we are in right now. Stop blaming the world out there, although world events play a part in the equation.

Gentlemen, the Republican Party is full of clowns. These people should not be listened to; they are nothing but clowns playing around with people's lives. I had hoped with former governor Fitial when we had so much ARRA funding that we will work harder and promptly in its implementation. We ended up last on the list of territories in terms of performance, yet we always pat ourselves on the back, saying that we are doing very well. Hell, no! Who are we fooling? The Interior Department gave us $1.2 million for the study of our geothermal energy feasibility, just to put it on the back burner after years of saying that this is the way forward.

Look at the other characters and tell yourself whether these are the elders to listen to. The Republican Party should dump the old guard and install intellectuals who can properly guide the path into the future. The hell with these elders' ideas who are full of corruption and poison in their minds. Move forward, not backwards. Use that sidekick to push aside all those who ruined the Commonwealth's economic health and image. At least something appears to be working at present. Debate and criticism should continue.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

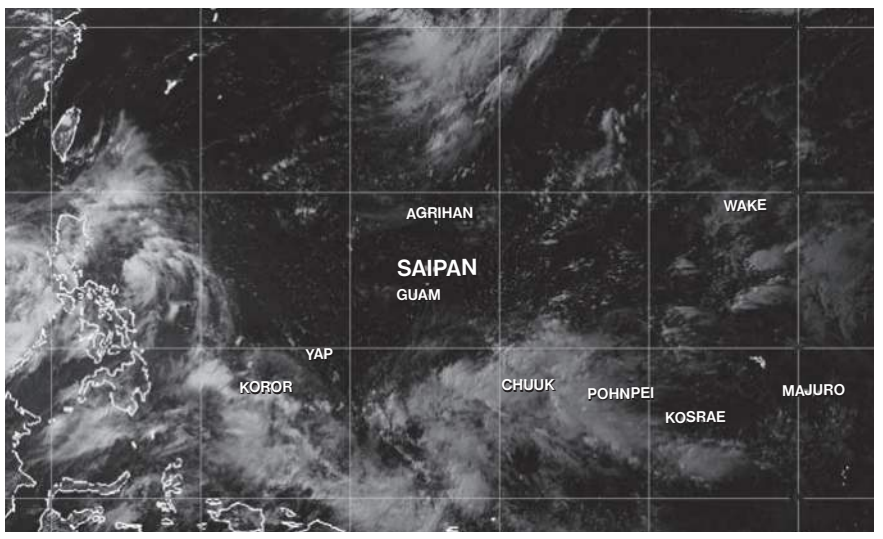
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲89	▼81
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼75
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲90	▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲86	▼80
Pohnpei	Showers	▲87	▼76
Kosrae	Showers	▲87	▼76
Majuro	Showers	▲85	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲60	▼56
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲86	▼74
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲88	▼80
Honolulu	Showers	▲87	▼76
London	Sunny	▲88	▼65
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲74	▼61
Manila	Thundershowers	▲86	▼79
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲59	▼41
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼78
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼68
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲93	▼77
Paris	Sunny	▲92	▼70
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲85	▼76
Rome	Sunny	▲92	▼72
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼58
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲59	▼52
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼75
Tokyo	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼75
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼71

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough runs southeastward from 12N130E to between Koror and Yap at 8N135E to 3N143E then curves northeastward through a weak circulation centered at 5N147E to end near Pohnpei at 7N157E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring over Koror and well southeast of Yap between the trough axis and the equator. Similar weather is taking place southeast of Yap and west of Chuuk between the equator and 10N from 144E to 150E and also over Chuuk and Pohnpei between 3N and 10N from 150E to 160E. Scattered showers are found south of Kosrae within 75 miles of a line from 3N160E to 2N166E. A surface trough runs southwestward from 25N149E to 22N146E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are located northeast of the Mariana Islands within 150 miles of the trough. An upper-level low is centered near 23N160E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms associated with the low cover an area southeast of Minami Tori Shima within 100 miles of a line from 23N156E to 20N158E. Trade-wind convergence is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southeast of Wake Island between 11N and 18N from 168E to the date line.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

3:15 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
11:02 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
6:22 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
10:51 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:59 AM	6:47 PM
Friday	6:00 AM	6:47 PM
Saturday	6:00 AM	6:46 PM
Sunday	6:00 AM	6:46 PM
Monday	6:00 AM	6:46 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:10 AM	2:18 PM
Friday	1:57 AM	3:07 PM
Saturday	2:44 AM	3:54 PM
Sunday	3:33 AM	4:40 PM
Monday	4:22 AM	5:24 PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 23, 2013

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)

SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7

SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)

XF1734	4:15pm	10:30pm	4 Every other week eff May 16

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:05pm	Daily via NRT
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5062	3:45am	4:20am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	11:15am	11:50am	6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	1, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7

GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN

SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7

VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN

XF1733	11:20am	3:25pm	4 Every other week eff May 16

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

PR110/UA5072	7:55am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
DL172/288	8:00am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:05am+1	3, 6 GUM

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ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

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Business

Better economic growth likely to follow weak Q2

WASHINGTON (AP)—The economy is expected to have grown at a dismal pace in the April-June quarter, weighed down by large tax increases and steep government spending cuts.

But the second quarter should be the low point for the year, economists say. The fiscal drag is expected to fade. At the same time, steady hiring, more business spending and a solid recovery in housing should push growth higher in the second half of the year.

Economists forecast that growth slowed in the April-June quarter to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of just 1 percent, according to a survey by FactSet. That's below the tepid rate of 1.8 percent in the January-March quarter.

The Commerce Department will release the first estimate of gross domestic product, or GDP, for the second quarter at 8:30 a.m. EDT Wednesday. GDP is the broadest measure of the output of goods and services, including everything from manicures to industrial machinery.

Most economists say growth is already starting to pick up. And many are predicting annual growth rates of between 2 percent and 3 percent in the third and fourth quarters.

There are threats to the better outlook. Unemployment is still high at 7.6 percent, limiting consumer spending. And budget fights in Washington could lead to a government shutdown this fall, potentially disrupting the economy.

Still, recent data have been encouraging.

"More and more of the economic tea leaves are pointing in the same direction: toward a growth revival ahead," Scott Anderson, chief economist at the Bank of the West, said.

Home construction, sales and prices have been growing since early last year. Americans purchased newly built homes in June at the fastest pace in five years. That's raised builder confidence to a seven-year high, which should lead to increases in construction and more jobs.

Overall hiring has accelerated this year. Employers have added an average of 202,000 jobs a month from January through June. That's up from 180,000 in the previous six months.

Better hiring has started to boost inflation-adjusted incomes after several years of stagnant wages. Joe Carson, chief U.S. economist at AllianceBernstein, a mutual fund company, calculates that average hourly pay rose at a 3.1 percent annual rate in the second quarter, the fastest pace since the fourth quarter of 2008. That was comfortably ahead of inflation, at just 1 percent.

And business spending has started to increase. Companies have ordered more industrial machinery and other equipment for four months in a row. As those orders are filled, factory production should increase.

Manufacturing is also benefiting from strong auto sales, which topped 7.8 million in the first six months of 2013, the best first-half total since 2007. Analysts expect sales will stay strong for the rest of the year.

Carson notes that housing and autos were the primary sources of growth in the second quarter. Both have benefited from the Federal Reserve's low-interest rate policies. Those sectors usually rebound early in recoveries. But after the Great Recession ended in June 2009, they were held back by tight credit and cash-strapped consumers.

"It's almost like a traditional recovery is just starting, even though we're in the fifth year," Carson said.

Federal Reserve officials have forecast better growth in the second half of the year. And Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke has said that the central bank could begin to scale back its bond purchases later this year if the economy strengthens. But Fed officials typically put greater weight on employment and inflation data than the GDP figures.

The Fed concludes a two-day policy meeting on Wednesday, at which point it could clarify its interest-rate policies.

Most economists blame tax increases and government spending cuts for the sluggish second quarter. Higher taxes slowed consumer spending. And government cuts subtracted nearly a full percentage point from growth at the start of the year.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Delta CEO calls for open skies in Japan

TOKYO (AP)—The CEO of Delta Air Lines is urging the Japanese government to open the skies to greater competition from foreign airlines. Richard Anderson says protection of domestic carriers is holding back foreign airlines such as Delta. He told reporters Wednesday he wants to move Delta's Tokyo base to Haneda Airport, but the government is creating obstacles. Anderson says Delta moved its Tokyo hub to Narita International Airport in 1976 at the government's request. Now Delta wants to be based in Haneda again because it is closer to central Tokyo and draws more business. Anderson says Delta needs 25 additional plane slots to move back. Haneda will soon add daytime slots for long distance flights, but Anderson says it is unlikely Delta will get all the slots it wants.

US porn maker to stop Ben & Jerry's spoofs

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The days of buying pornographic videos with names based on Ben & Jerry's ice cream flavors are over. Caballero Video has agreed to stop marketing "Boston Cream Thigh," ''Peanut Butter D-Cup" and other films spoofing the names of the venerable Vermont ice cream maker's products. The Los Angeles Times reported Tuesday that the agreement settles a lawsuit Ben & Jerry's brought against Caballero last year. According to the suit, 10 titles in Caballero's "Ben & Cherry's" series besmirched the ice cream maker's name and infringed its trademark. Not only were the names similar to real Ben & Jerry's products, but the films' packaging also mimicked Ben & Jerry's clouds-and-cows logo. The Los Angeles-based video company previously agreed to pull the titles until the suit was resolved.

Ford to offer natural gas F-150 for 2014

DETROIT (AP)—Ford soon will offer a natural gas version of its F-150 pickup truck, the most popular vehicle in the U.S. The company is the first Detroit automaker with that option in a light-duty pickup truck. Ford, General Motors and Chrysler already have natural gas-powered heavy-duty trucks. Ford says natural gas will be available on the 2014 F-150s with 3.7-Liter V-6 engines. The trucks will have factory-installed valves, pistons and rings to handle natural gas and gasoline. The option will cost $315. But buyers will have to pay a factory-approved installer to put in new fuel tanks, lines and injectors. That will cost $7,500 to $9,500. Ford says natural gas costs the equivalent of $2.11 per gallon. The average regular gasoline price in the U.S. was $3.62 per gallon on Tuesday.

Facebook nears $38 IPO price for 1st time

NEW YORK (AP)—Facebook's stock came within pennies of its $38 IPO price for the first time since its rocky initial public offering more than a year ago. Shares of Facebook Inc. rose $2.18, or 6.2 percent, to close at $37.61 on Tuesday. The stock hit $37.96 in afternoon trading. The world's biggest online social network has been on a roll since it reported stronger-than-expected earnings on July 24. Investors are especially upbeat about its fast-growing mobile advertising revenue. Facebook's ability to grow mobile revenue was one of the biggest concerns in the weeks leading up to its IPO last year. Investors were worried that its ad business was not moving to mobile gadgets as quickly as its user base. Facebook now derives 41 percent of its ad revenue from mobile advertising.

Lawsuit alleges Apple shortchanges store workers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Apple is facing accusations of shortchanging thousands of employees who haven't been getting paid while being forced to wait in line to show they aren't trying to steal an iPhone, iPad or other merchandise from the company's bustling stores.

The complaint filed July 25 in a San Francisco federal court threatens to increase public scrutiny of how Apple Inc.'s treats the lower-paid contractors and employees who make and sell the products that have enriched the Cupertino, California, company.

Much of the attention has focused on whether Apple has done enough to protect the rights of workers assembling its devices in China and in other overseas factories.

But some of the former workers in Apple's often-packed stores have also complained about being underpaid and overworked.

Those grievances could gather more momentum if the lawsuit filed by two former Apple store employees, Amanda Frlekin and Dean Pelle, is certified as a class-action.

Apple spokeswoman Amy Bessette declined to discuss the case Wednesday, citing the company's legal policies.

The complaint seeks to represent Apple employees who have worked in the company's U.S. stores within the past three years. Lawyers handling the lawsuit also are looking to expand the complaint to represent Apple employees in the company's California and New York stores for even longer periods because of differences in those two states' laws.

The case hinges on accusations that Apple requires store workers who are paid by the hour to submit to searches of their bags and other personal belongings as an anti-theft measure before they are allowed to leave the premises. The lawsuit alleges the store employees routinely must wait their turn to be searched even though they aren't being paid for the additional time.

The lawsuit estimates the unpaid detention periods routinely spanned a total of 15 minutes to a half hour per shift, based on the experiences of Frlekin and Pelle. If the employees had been properly paid while waiting to be searched, they would have earned an additional $1,400 to $1,500 annually, the lawsuit estimates. The calculations are based on the assumption that Apple store employees are paid anywhere from the minimum wage to $18.75 per hour.

Apple earned $6.9 billion in its latest quarter ending June 29, or nearly $3.2 million per hour.

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A man drives past a building of a Pegatron factory in Shanghai, China, Tuesday, July 30, 2013. A labor rights group has accused Pegatron, a supplier of Apple Inc. in China of misconduct including withholding employees' pay and environmental violations. The report Monday by China Labor Watch said it found violations of the law and of Apple's pledges about working conditions at facilities operated by Pegatron Corp., a Taiwanese company.

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Nation

Manning guilty of 20 charges, not aiding the enemy

FORT MEADE, Md. (AP)—In a split decision, U.S. Army Pfc. Bradley Manning was acquitted Tuesday of aiding the enemy—the most serious charge he faced—but was convicted of espionage, theft and nearly every other count for giving secrets to WikiLeaks, a verdict that could see him spend the rest of his life in prison.

The judge, Army Col. Denise Lind, deliberated over three days before delivering a decision that denied the government a precedent that freedom of press advocates had warned could have broad implications for leak cases and investigative journalism about national security issues.

From the courtroom to world capitals, people struggled to absorb the meaning of a ruling that cleared the soldier of a charge of aiding the enemy, which would have carried a potential life sentence, but convicted him of 20 of 22 counts that, together, could also mean life behind bars.

Manning faces up to 136 years in prison if given maximum penalties in a sentencing hearing that starts Wednesday. It is expected to last most of August.

The 25-year-old soldier stood quietly at attention in his dress uniform, flanked by his attorneys, as the verdict was delivered. He appeared not to react, though his attorney, David Coombs, smiled faintly when he heard "not guilty" on the aiding the enemy charge.

When the judge was done, Coombs put his hand on Manning's back and whispered something to him, bringing a slight smile to the soldier's face.

"We won the battle, now we need to go win the war," Coombs said later, outside the courtroom. "Today is a good day, but Bradley is by no means out of the fire."

Manning

Transparency advocates and legal experts had mixed opinions on the implications for the future of leak cases and investigative journalism in the Internet age.

The advocacy group Reporters Without Borders said the verdict was a chilling warning to whistleblowers, "against whom the Obama administration has been waging an unprecedented offensive," and threatens the future of investigative journalism because intimidated sources might fall quiet.

However, another advocate of less government secrecy, Steven Aftergood of the Federation of American Scientists, questioned whether the implications will be so dire, given the extraordinary nature of the Manning case.

"This was a massive hemorrhage of government records, and it's not too surprising that it elicited a strong reaction from the government," Aftergood said.

"Most journalists are not in the business of publishing classified documents, they're in the business of reporting the news, which is not the same thing," he said. "This is not good news for journalism, but it's not the end of the world, either."

Glenn Greenwald, the journalist, commentator and former civil rights lawyer who first reported Edward Snowden's leaks of National Security Agency surveillance programs, said Manning's acquittal on the charge of aiding the enemy represented a "tiny sliver of justice."

But WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, whose website exposed Manning's spilled U.S. secrets to the world, saw nothing to cheer in the mixed verdict.

"It is a dangerous precedent and an example of national security extremism," he told reporters at the Ecuadorean Embassy in London, which is sheltering him. "This has never been a fair trial."

To prove aiding the enemy, prosecutors had to show Manning had "actual knowledge" the material he leaked would be seen by al-Qaida and that he had "general evil intent." They presented evidence the material fell into the hands of the terrorist group and its former leader, Osama bin Laden, but struggled to prove their assertion that Manning was an anarchist computer hacker and attention-seeking traitor.

Coombs said during trial that Manning had no way of knowing whether al-Qaida would access the secret-spilling website and a 2008 counterintelligence report showed the government itself did not know much about WikiLeaks at the time.

An aiding the enemy charge for someone who didn't directly give an adversary information is extremely rare, and prosecutors had to cite a Civil War-era court-martial of a Union soldier when they brought the charge against Manning.

AP

A supporter of Army Pfc. Bradley Manning carries a sign while on a bicycle during a nighttime demonstration in front of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, July 30, 2013.

KEY ELEMENTS OF THE CASE

FORT MEADE, Md. (AP)—U.S. Army Pfc. Bradley Manning has been acquitted of the most serious charge he faced, aiding the enemy, but was convicted of 19 other counts for leaking a trove of classified information to the anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks. The military judge in his case has scheduled his sentencing hearing to begin Wednesday.

Here's a look at the key elements of the case:

WHAT WAS MANNING CONVICTED OF?

Manning was acquitted of the most serious charge of aiding the enemy, which carried a possible sentence of life in prison. He was still convicted of espionage, theft, computer fraud and other charges. How long Manning spends in prison is up to the judge, Army Col. Denise Lind. However, Manning could still spend the rest of his life in prison if the judge imposes the maximum sentence of 136 years.

WHAT DID MANNING DO?

The 25-year-old native of Crescent, Okla., admittedly leaked hundreds of thousands of classified Iraq and Afghanistan war logs and diplomatic cables in 2009 and 2010 while working as an intelligence analyst in Baghdad. Manning also has acknowledged leaking a 2007 video clip of a U.S. helicopter crew killing 11 men, including a Reuters news photographer and his driver. The Pentagon concluded the troops acted appropriately, having mistaken the camera equipment for weapons.

WHAT DID THE PROSECUTORS' EVIDENCE SHOW?

Prosecutors presented testimony from 80 witnesses over five weeks. The government's evidence showed Manning had been warned about the dangers of disclosing classified information, including posting it online.

There was testimony the leaked material revealed military tactics and other information an enemy could exploit. The government also presented evidence that al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden requested and received from an associate some of the documents Manning leaked after they were published on WikiLeaks.

In a more than four-hour closing argument, Fein said Manning betrayed his country's trust and spilled government secrets to make a name for himself, knowing the material would be seen by al-Qaida.

Fein said Manning relied on WikiLeaks and its founder Julian Assange for guidance on what to leak.

WHAT WERE THE DEFENSE'S PRINCIPAL ARGUMENTS?

The defense presented testimony from 10 witnesses in three days, plus one rebuttal witness after resting. Manning did not testify. The defense evidence showed Manning was authorized, even encouraged, to view a wide range of classified information as part of his job. The evidence was meant to counter charges that Manning exceeded his authorized computer access.

The defense also produced evidence some of the information Manning leaked was already publicly known before WikiLeaks published it. A defense expert witness, Harvard communications law professor Yochai Benkler, testified that WikiLeaks served a legitimate journalistic function in publishing leaked material.

WHY DID HE DO IT?

Manning said in February he leaked the material to expose the U.S military's "bloodlust" and disregard for human life, and what he considered American diplomatic duplicity. He said he chose information he believed would not the harm the United States and he wanted to start a debate on military and foreign policy.

Coombs portrayed Manning as a "young, naive but good-intentioned" soldier who was in emotional turmoil, partly because he was a gay service member at a time when homosexuals were barred from serving openly in the U.S. military.

WHAT HAPPENED AS A RESULT OF THE LEAK?

The release of the cables and video embarrassed the U.S. and its allies. The Obama administration has said it threatened valuable military and diplomatic sources and strained America's relations with other governments.

WHO IS THE JUDGE?

Lind has served in the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps for 25 years, including four years as a military judge in Europe, Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan and Washington, D.C. She is a member of the bars of New York, the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and the United States Supreme Court. She has several degrees, including a bachelor's from Siena College and a law degree from Albany Law School. She is 53 years old and married.

ACROSS THE NATION

Judge: 3 Penn State ex-officials to stand trial

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)—Penn State's ex-president and two former top school administrators were ordered Tuesday to stand trial on charges accusing them of a cover-up in the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal, a court ruling that promises to prolong the media attention and court battles casting a shadow over the university. Prosecutors showed enough evidence during a two-day preliminary hearing to warrant a trial for ex-President Graham Spanier, former vice president Gary Schultz and ex-athletic director Tim Curley, District Judge William Wenner concluded. The men engaged in a "conspiracy of silence," the lead state prosecutor, Bruce Beemer, said during his closing argument. They covered up their failure to tell police about a 2001 allegation that Sandusky was molesting a boy in a university locker room shower, despite knowing that police investigated complaints about Sandusky showering with boys in 1998, Beemer said.

Student left in DEA cell to get $4 million from US

SAN DIEGO (AP)—A 25-year old college student has reached a $4.1 million settlement with the federal government after he was abandoned in a windowless Drug Enforcement Administration cell for more than four days without food or water, his attorneys said Tuesday. The DEA introduced national detention standards as a result of the ordeal involving Daniel Chong, including daily inspections and a requirement for cameras in cells, said Julia Yoo, one of his lawyers. Chong said he drank his own urine to stay alive, hallucinated that agents were trying to poison him with gases through the vents, and tried to carve a farewell message to his mother in his arm. It remained unclear how the situation occurred, and no one has been disciplined, said Eugene Iredale, another attorney for Chong. The Justice Department's inspector general is investigating.

Appeals court: NYC's big-soda ban unconstitutional

NEW YORK (AP)—New York City's crackdown on big, sugary sodas is staying on ice. A mid-level state appeals court ruled Tuesday that the city's Board of Health exceeded its legal authority when it voted last year to put a 16-ounce size limit on high-calorie soft drinks served in restaurants, theaters, stadiums, sidewalk food carts and many other places. In a unanimous opinion, a four-judge panel of the state Supreme Court Appellate Division said that while the board has the power to ban "inherently harmful" foodstuffs from being served to the public, sweetened beverages don't fall into that category. Soda consumption is not necessarily harmful when done in moderation, the court wrote, and therefore "cannot be classified as a health hazard per se."

Asia

China's Communists warn cadres: No wine at lunch

BEIJING (AP)—Lavish weddings, fancy holidays and lunchtime wine on the public dime were among transgressions detailed Tuesday that led China's ruling Communist Party to discipline 2,290 officials so far this year in a frugality campaign aimed at addressing public anger.

The party's disciplinary arm, quoted in official state media, provided eight examples of such breaches, including a party chief in a township in Hebei who was stripped of his post for holding an extravagant wedding for his daughter and receiving around 1 million yuan ($163,000) in cash and gifts.

Party officials, led by President Xi Jinping, hail their efforts to eradicate extravagance among cadres as evidence that they are serious about cracking down on the graft that plagues them at every level. But while it might seem as though many officials have been admonished this year as part of the campaign, the number is only a small drop in China's ocean of 85 million party members.

Official reports have also not indicated the seniority of the officials who were being punished, though most of the examples listed appeared to be mid- and low-level cadres. Xi has promised to target even high-level officials, who are usually seen as enjoying special protections that come with ties to the politically powerful.

One analyst said such campaigns are only of limited use because they address only the symptoms of corruption rather than focus efforts on building systematic checks on power.

"Of course these are helpful to anti-corruption efforts, but they remain only the traditional way of fighting corruption, by using campaigns and iron-fisted administrative methods," said Hu Xingdou, a political economist at the Beijing Institute of Technology. "There has been no progress in developing an anti-corruption mechanism."

Hu said such a mechanism would include requiring officials to declare their assets, allowing for greater press freedom and stronger oversight of official organs.

AP

In this file photo taken Friday, Sept. 30, 2011, a waitress stand next to a table of food prepared for a National Day reception at the Great Hall of the People on the eve of the Oct. 1 National Day in Beijing, China.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Chinese man stands trial for poisoning dumplings

BEIJING (AP)—A former food plant worker in China confessed in court on Tuesday to poisoning frozen dumplings that sickened 10 people in Japan in 2008, a scandal that strained Beijing-Tokyo relations just months before China hosted the Olympic Games. The official Xinhua News Agency said Tuesday that 39-year-old Lu Yueting went on trial in Shijiazhuang in northern China's Hebei province and that Japanese officials were present. A court employee confirmed the trial but did not give his name, which is common among low-ranking Chinese bureaucrats. A verdict is expected to be announced at a later date. Citing local prosecutors, the state-run English-language China Daily newspaper said the man is likely to receive at least 10 years in prison.

Cat found on freighter from Philippines to LA

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A 4-year-old cat that stowed away in a container ship headed from Manila, Philippines, to Los Angeles is gaining weight and getting stronger after the trip without food or water left it near death. Los Angeles County animal control director Marcia Mayeda says the orange-and-white female cat was weak and frail after the 7,300-mile (11,750-kilometer) trip. But after two weeks of treatments, the feline is in fair condition. Hospital staff named the cat Pinay, a common name for a female Filipino. The cat has cleared quarantine but needs to be adopted into a calm home because she is still skittish. Potential adopters can email daccevents@animalcare.lacounty.gov.

Philippine troops kill 6 communist rebels in clash

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Government forces killed at least six communist rebels in fighting ending early Wednesday that was the latest blow to insurgents who have suffered recent battle losses, the military said. Troops backed by police were checking reports about armed men in a village in Tarlac province's Camiling township late Tuesday when they were fired upon by New People's Army guerrillas, said army 703rd Brigade commander Col. Henry Sabarre said. The fighting ended hours later with six rebels, including one female, dead. Sabarre said an earlier count of seven deaths was because soldiers mistook a rebel backpack in a rice paddy for a body. He said the recovery of a machine gun and other high-caliber weapons indicate "a top (rebel) personality is in the area." The slain rebels were not immediately identified, he said.

Hundreds of Buddhists protest in Nepal

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—Hundreds of Buddhists demonstrated near the main government office in Nepal's capital on Tuesday to protest authorities stopping them from building a shrine in a jungle in the western part of the Himalayan nation. The protesters, some of them monks, blocked streets around the central secretariat during rush hour, preventing government workers from reaching their offices. Traffic was stopped for hours in the center of Katmandu. Police in riot gear kept a close watch but did not stop the rally. There were no reports of clashes.

The Buddhists were protesting local authorities stopping the building of the shrine in the protected jungle of Surkhet because they did not have permission to do so.

Philippine province goes dark due to unpaid bill

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—An entire province in the Philippines has been plunged into darkness after the national power grid operator cut off supply because of accumulated debt of $93 million. The blackout that started Tuesday surprised residents of Albay province in the central Philippines, which is home to 1.2 million people. "It's really dark at night. Since it is also rainy here, it is like during a typhoon," said health insurance company employee Cristie Recebido. She said Wednesday that shops in the provincial capital Legazpi closed up early and hospitals and offices were running on generators. The Department of Energy said that a disconnection notice had been served to the Albay Electric Cooperative because it failed to settle a debt of nearly 4 billion pesos ($93 million) over 15 years.

Filipino troops kill rebels who attacked oil truck

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine troops killed eight breakaway Muslim rebels who attacked an oil tanker truck and placed bombs along a highway, forcing its closure for several hours, as sporadic clashes raged Tuesday in a restive southern province.

The driver of the oil truck prevented a disaster by speeding away from dozens of gunmen belonging to the Bangsamoro Islamic Liberation Movement toward an army outpost in Maguindanao province's Guindolongan town, regional military spokesman Col. Dickson Hermoso said.

The driver was slightly wounded in the head. Gunfire damaged the truck's windshield and some of its tires, as well as another cargo truck behind the oil tanker.

Army troops closed the highway for several hours as they defused two bombs and clashed with the insurgents, killing eight, in running gunbattles that spilled into nearby towns, he said.

The breakaway rebels have launched attacks in recent weeks in Maguindanao, a mountainous marshland about 900 kilometers (560 miles) southeast of Manila, to try to sabotage peace talks between the government and the main insurgent group, the 11,000-strong Moro Islamic Liberation Front. The talks, which have been brokered by Malaysia, have made progress toward a new autonomy deal for minority Muslims in the south of the largely Roman Catholic Philippines.

The rebel faction, which has about 200 armed fighters, has said the talks will go nowhere and vowed to continue fighting for a separate Muslim homeland in the south.

"They've been left out so they're trying to make a scene," Hermoso said. "But the problem is they're turning to innocent people because they could not face us."

Pakistani lawmakers elect new president

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistani lawmakers elected a textile businessman who briefly served as the governor of southern Sindh province as the country's next president Tuesday, the election commission chief said, a result that was widely expected.

The election of Mamnoon Hussain, nominated by the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-N party, followed a late night attack by 150 Taliban militants on a prison, illustrating one of the major challenges facing the new president. The fighters freed more than 250 prisoners, including 38 suspected militants, and killed 14 people, including guards and Shiite Muslim prisoners, officials said.

Pakistan's largely ceremonial president is not elected by popular vote, but by lawmakers in the Senate, National Assembly and the assemblies of the four provinces. Tuesday's outcome was widely predicted because the PML-N won majorities in the National Assembly and the assembly of Pakistan's most populous province, Punjab, in June, all but assuring that Hussain would win.

Hussain received 432 votes from lawmakers on Tuesday, said the head of Pakistan's election commission, Fakhruddin Ibrahim. The only other candidate, retired judge Wajihuddin Ahmed, received 77 votes. Ahmed was nominated by Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, a party led by former cricket star Imran Khan.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif will remain the most powerful figure in the civilian government in Pakistan, a key ally for the United States in battling Islamic militants and negotiating an end to the war in neighboring Afghanistan.

World

Israeli-Palestinian aim: A peace deal in 9 months

WASHINGTON (AP)—Pressing ahead in a new U.S.-backed push for Middle East peace, Israeli and Palestinian negotiators agreed Tuesday to meet again within two weeks to start substantive talks in hopes of reaching a long-elusive settlement within nine months.

Speaking after the two sides wrapped up an initial two days of talks at the State Department and visited President Barack Obama at the White House, Secretary of State John Kerry said Israel and the Palestinians were committed to sustained and serious negotiations on the "core issues" that divide them. The next round will take place in either Israel or the Palestinian territories before mid-August, he said.

Kerry said he was aware of the deep doubts surrounding the new peace effort and acknowledged that the road would be difficult. Yet, he said, "While I understand the skepticism, I don't share it. And I don't think we have time for it."

All issues, including contentious disputes over the status of the territories and Jerusalem, are "on the table for negotiation, and they are on the table with one simple goal: a view to ending the conflict," Kerry said.

The U.S. had already said the negotiations would continue for at least nine months—roughly until the end of April 2014—but that had not been set as a timeframe for reaching a deal. Kerry and both sides agreed that neither would walk away from the talks or take actions that could disrupt them for that period, two senior U.S. officials said. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss diplomatic talks.

However, the officials also said they expect that the Israelis, over U.S. objections, will continue constructing housing for Jewish settlers on land claimed by the Palestinians over the course of the negotiations, an indication the Palestinians are serious about dropping their longstanding demand for a settlement freeze before returning to talks. The officials said the U.S. believes the Palestinians also will not attempt to win further international recognition as a state until a peace deal is completed, an effort that one official likened to a potential "train wreck."

Decades of peace efforts

The Mideast peace talks have resumed in Washington, D.C., under Secretary of State John Kerry. The conflict has long been among the most daunting foreign policy issues for U.S. presidents. A look at major attempts in the past at a settlement:

1967

U.N. Security Council Resolution 242

Passed in November 1967; sets the principle of exchanging land for peace that has guided most peace plans

1973-75

Henry Kissinger's shuttle diplomacy

In the wake of the 1973 Arab-Israeli War, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger attempts to broker peace between Egypt and Israel; U.N. Security Council calls for cease-fire, and officials from the U.S., Soviet Union, Egypt, Israel and Jordan convene at the Geneva Conference of 1973 , but no agreement is reached

Outcome In 1975, Egypt, Israel sign the Sinai Interim Agreement, agreeing to peacefully resolve conflict

1978

Camp David Accords

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin join President Jimmy Carter at Camp David in Maryland; Israel agrees to return the Sinai Peninsula to Egypt, and Egypt becomes the first Arab country to recognize Israel

Outcome With dispute between Egypt and Israel resolved, focus turns to Palestinian self-determination, which had been left unsettled

1991

Madrid Peace Conference

Spain is joined by President George H.W. Bush and other U.S. and Soviet officials in hosting a conference to begin talks between Israel, its Arab neighbors and the Palestinians

Outcome Israel and Jordan begin negotiations that lead to a treaty; conflict between Israel and the Palestinians remains unresolved

1993

Oslo Accords

Israeli and PLO officials meet face-to-face for the first time; accords call for Israeli withdrawal from Gaza and the West Bank and the creation of Palestinian Authority to administer the territory under Palestinian control

Outcome Factions in Israel and Palestine oppose the accords; attacks by Palestinians and settlement expansion by Israelis undermine the effort

2000

Camp David Summit

President Bill Clinton, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, Palestinian President Arafat meet at Camp David; Israel offers Gaza and parts of the West Bank and the Negev while keeping its settlements; Palestinians want return to 1967 borders; talks collapse

Outcome Palestinians renew uprisings, or intifada, after talks fail

2003

Roadmap

Plan drawn up by the U.S., the EU, Russia and the U.N., following Sen. George Mitchell's effort to get talks back on track; calls for two-state solution

Outcome Has not been implemented

2007

Annapolis Conference

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, President George W. Bush and other world leaders meet at the U.S. Naval Academy for the first conference between Israel and Palestine aimed at crafting a two-state solution

Outcome Abbas and Olmert say they agree on many key points, but the talks beak off in late 2008

2010

Washington, D.C.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Abbas meet with President Barack Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton in an effort to jumpstart talks

Outcome Negotiations fail after Israel fails to renew freeze on new settlement construction

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Morsi gets a visit, but Egypt crisis stalemated

CAIRO (AP)—Egypt's military gave the ousted president his first contact with the outside world since removing him from office, allowing Europe's top diplomat Tuesday to meet with Mohammed Morsi in his secret detention. She emerged from her two-hour talks with him urging all sides to move on toward a peaceful transition.

Despite the military's gesture, two days of efforts by the EU's Catherine Ashton to find a solution to Egypt's crisis hit a brick wall. Some voices in the military-backed government, including Vice President Mohammed ElBaradei, have arisen hoping to avert a security crackdown on Morsi's supporters, but neither side has budged in their positions, which leave no visible room for compromise.

Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood and his Islamist allies say the only solution is for Egypt's first freely elected president to be restored to office, and they have vowed to continue their street rallies until that happens. Tuesday evening, they held new marches in Cairo outside the military intelligence offices, and in other cities around the country.

The military and interim government, in turn, have rejected releasing Morsi or other detained Brotherhood leaders, a step the Europeans have called for and that Islamists have said could improve the atmosphere. Instead, they appear determined to prosecute detained Brotherhood members for crimes purportedly committed during Morsi's presidency and for violence after his fall.

Looming over the deadlock is the possibility of security forces acting to clear the main pro-Morsi sit-in in Cairo, where a crowd of his supporters have been camped out for nearly a month—a move that would almost certainly bring bloodshed.

Spain investigators: Train driver was on phone

AP

In this July 25, 2013 file photo, a derailed train car is lifted by a crane at the site of a train accident in Santiago de Compostela, Spain.

MADRID (AP)—The driver was on the phone with a colleague and apparently looking at a document as his train barreled ahead at 95 mph (153 kph)—almost twice the speed limit. Suddenly, a notorious curve was upon him.

He hit the brakes too late.

The train, carrying 218 passengers in eight carriages, hurtled off the tracks and slammed into a concrete wall, killing 79 people.

On Tuesday, investigators looking into the crash announced their preliminary findings from analysis of the train's data-recording "black boxes," suggesting that human error appears to be the cause of Spain's worst railway disaster in decades.

The derailment occurred near Santiago de Compostela, a city in northwestern Spain, late last Wednesday. Some 66 people injured in the crash are still hospitalized, 15 of them in critical condition.

The accident cast a pall over the city, which is the last stop for the faithful who make it to the end of the El Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route that has drawn Christians since the Middle Ages. The crash occurred on the eve of annual festivities at the shrine, which subsequently were canceled.

The disaster also stunned the rest of Spain, with Spanish royals and political leaders joining hundreds of people in Santiago de Compostela's storied 12th-century cathedral Monday evening to mourn the dead.

According to the investigation so far, train driver Francisco Jose Garzon Amo received a call from an official of national rail company Renfe on his work phone in the cabin, not his personal cellphone, to tell him what approach to take toward his final destination.

The Renfe employee on the telephone "appears to be a controller," a person who organizes train traffic across the rail network, said a statement from a court in Santiago de Compostela, where the investigation is based.

"From the contents of the conversation and from the background noise it seems that the driver (was) consulting a plan or similar paper document."

Focus

Like predecessors, Obama taps fundraisers, friends for ambassadorships

By ROB HOTAKAINEN
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WASHINGTON—President Barack Obama promised change, but he's following one time-honored tradition: doling out plum ambassadorships to friends and big-money party donors.

So far, Obama's contributors and friends have been awarded with plum posts in Canada, France, England, Japan, South Africa, Ireland, the Bahamas, Denmark, Argentina and the Vatican.

The Obama administration says that all of its appointees are qualified, but critics say the jobs should go to career diplomats instead of party loyalists.

"It is the last vestige of the spoils system," said Ronald Neumann, president of the American Academy of Diplomacy.

"We made it illegal to do this for our civil service on the basis that merit was important," Neumann said. "We don't do it for our military. And it is a little perplexing why we think that we should be able to sell ambassadorships."

According to an analysis by the Center for Responsive Politics, which tracks money in politics, Obama has rewarded some of his largest fundraisers and donors with posts abroad.

Some examples:

■ His ambassador to the United Kingdom, Louis Susman, is a lawyer and investment banker who bundled at least $100,000 for Obama's presidential campaign and at least $300,000 for his inauguration.

■ His ambassador to Ireland, Dan Rooney, is the chairman of the Pittsburgh Steelers football team and, with his wife, has contributed at least $152,400 to federal candidates, committees and parties since the 1990 election cycle.

■ Charles Rivkin, nominated to be the ambassador to France, is the head of an entertainment company who bundled at least a half-million dollars for Obama's campaign and another $300,000 toward his inaugural committee.

■ John Roos, nominated to be the ambassador to Japan, is a lawyer who bundled at least $500,000 to Obama's presidential campaign and, with his wife, has contributed at least $77,500 to Democrats since the 1992 election cycle, including $6,900 to Obama.

Obama's appointments would appear to contradict statements he made as a presidential candidate. Promising the most sweeping ethics changes in history, Obama said he'd impose a "litmus test" in his administration, where employees are hired based on their qualifications and experience, not on their party or ideology.

Calling President George W. Bush's White House "the most politicized" in history, Obama decried the appointment of Bush's friend Michael Brown to head the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Brown, or "Brownie," as Bush called him, had served as a commissioner with the International Arabian Horse Association but had no experience in emergency management. He initially led the federal government's response to Hurricane Katrina.

"The days of Michael Brown, Arabian horse judge, are over," Obama said in a speech two years ago.

John Naland, the president of the American Foreign Service Association, said the federal government's response to Hurricane Katrina showed the need to have competent managers in charge of America's embassies. He said it makes no sense to dispatch envoys who lack experience and have never dealt with special operations, anti-drug campaigns or military issues.

"If this policy continues sending out people who are basically just fundraisers, someday something bad is bound to happen," Naland said.

He said the system of appointing political ambassadors is unique to the U.S., and that it has become more of a concern since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

"The rest of the world doesn't do this. Our friends don't do it, our enemies don't do it," Naland said. "In the United States, 150 years ago, every job was political patronage: the Post Office, military commanders in the Civil War and everything. But our country over the years has backed away from that."

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs told reporters that the president essentially acknowledged after his election that some of his foreign service picks would be political appointees.

Gibbs said the administration's ambassadorial appointments include "a group of committed individuals and proven professionals that are eager to serve their country."

"Some of those individuals were fundraisers; some of those were career ambassadors," Gibbs said at a news briefing in late May. He joked that the U.K. ambassador was qualified because "he speaks English."

Obama surprised some last month when he appointed Utah Republican Gov. Jon Huntsman—far from a Democratic crony—as ambassador to China. Huntsman is a former ambassador to Singapore, speaks Mandarin, worked as deputy trade representative in Asia and was a Mormon missionary in Taiwan.

Since the early 1960s, roughly a third of all ambassadors have been non-professionals, according to the American Academy of Diplomacy. In a letter to Obama, the group asked that the number be reduced to 10 percent.

Neumann said it's disappointing but not surprising that Obama is seeking to reward heavy-hitting fundraisers early in his administration.

"It's a little early to say whether the administration will or won't be different from others in its overall appointments and totals, but certainly it's not change yet," he said.

The job of an ambassador is becoming more complicated and requires experience, Neumann said. He also said it's an insult to the host country when an ambassador lacks knowledge of the country's history, language and culture.

"Why do you think that diplomacy is so much simpler than, say, being a journalist?" he asked. "Why do you assume it takes no knowledge of the profession in order to handle your foreign relations at a time when you're dealing with crises, terrorism, epidemics and a generally difficult world?"

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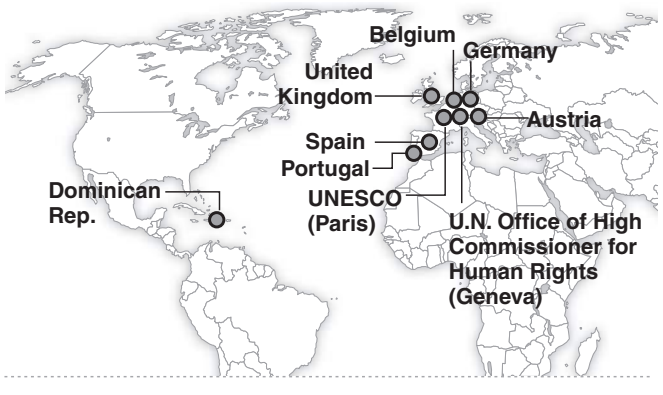
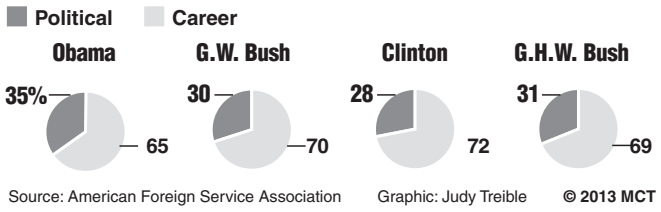
Former President of the United States Bill Clinton, right, watches the Democratic Debate with Eleni Tsakopoulos-Kounalakis, center, and Lt. Gov. John Garamendi, left, in Sacramento, California, Jan. 15, 2008. President Barack Obama is following a time-honored tradition by doling out ambassadorships to friends and big-money party donors. Sacramento developer Eleni Tsakopoulos-Kounalakis, one of the top Democratic fundraisers in California, could join the list.

It's business as usual

As a candidate, Barack Obama pledged to curb the influence of money in politics, but the appointment of major donors to plum diplomatic posts continues. Where those who helped collect $500,000 or more for Obama's re-election are ambassadors:



Political vs. career ambassadors The percentage of political and career diplomatic appointments of President Obama compared to all diplomatic appointments of past presidents



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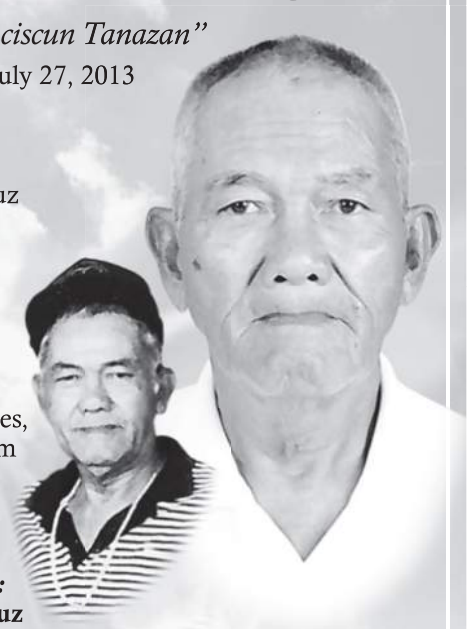
In Celebration of His New Life

†Francisco Tenorio DelaCruz

Lovingly known as "Franciscun Tanazan"

October 20, 1929 – July 27, 2013



In His New Life, He Now Joins His:
Parents: †Jose Catson Cruz
†Rosa Mendiola Tenorio Cruz
Parents-in-Law: †Jose Requerme
†Alfreda Requerme

Brothers, Sisters, and In-Laws: †**Sylvestre T**. Cruz, †**Catalina C**. Reyes, †**Maria C**. Aguon, †**Rosa C**. DelaCruz

†Juan B. Aguon, †Luis S. Santos, †Jose SN. Reyes, †Albino Cabrera, †Ernesto Requerme, †Abraham Requerme & †Robinson Requerme.

Reared Sister: †Adela Rosario Aguon

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:
Wife: **Josefina Requerme DelaCruz**
Daughter: **Charlotte DLC**. and *Waheez Nawaz* and children
Step-Children: **Jofaneer** DelaCruz, **Alpha** DLC. & Johnerville Tero (Cezanne), **Myca** & Chole Naypa

Sister and In-Laws
Dolores C. Santos, Ana P. Cruz, Geroncio "Jerry" DelaCruz, Teresita Roquerme, Bendo Requerme, Ricardo Roquerme, Eliceo Roquerme, Agustin Roquerme & Sofanies Sofonias Roquerme.

Daily Mass of Intention is celebrated each morning at 06:00 a.m. at Kristo Rai Church.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, August 03, 2013. His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Señora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 07:30 a.m. to Kristo Rai Church. Responso services will be at 08:00 a.m. followed by Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. followed by Interment Service at Tanapag Cemetery where he will be at a peaceful rest.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYERS
Josefina Requerme DelaCruz, Children & Family

Environment

Fish ear bones offer clues to health of ocean, species

By SARAH ZHANG
THE SEATTLE TIMES

SEATTLE—A tiny white sliver inside the heads of fish could hold evidence of a century's worth of humans wrecking the environment: atomic bombs, overfishing, even climate change.

Fish ear bones, also known as otoliths, are like tree rings for the ocean. A layer of calcium carbonate laid down each year offers a snapshot of both the fish's yearly growth and its surrounding ocean conditions.

The University of Washington's Burke Museum has been transferring and cataloging 2 million pairs of otoliths, representing some 80 species. Scientists hope this collection, gathered over the past half-century, will help them track the health of fish populations and ocean conditions up and down the West Coast.

AP

Katherine Maslenikov holds the inner-ear bones of a shortraker rockfish. The fish is found in waters here and in Alaska. The bones, known as otoliths, tell a historical story of growth, like rings on a tree.

The otolith collection, dating to the 1960s, had been sitting in an old Sand Point hangar belonging to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Last year, Ted Pietsch, a UW professor and curator of fishes at the Burke Museum, got a grant to transfer the otoliths to the museum—all of a 10-minute drive away.

The reason for the not-so-big move? Fire. Although NOAA scientists had been doing active research on the collection, the thousands of flammable Styrofoam boxes—piled 20 feet high and filled with ethanol for preservation—were a huge fire hazard.

The threat of fire persuaded the National Science Foundation to fund a two-year, $500,000 grant. Instead of sitting haphazardly and uncataloged in a hangar, the otoliths will be archived in the Burke and searchable online for outside scientists.

The UW recently made the first loan of the otoliths to Oregon State University, where researchers are studying the age when flatfish settle to the ocean floor.

Information unlocked by analyzing the chemical makeup of each otolith layer has piqued the interest of archaeologists, geochemists and fish biologists alike.

Fishermen, not scientists, were the original beneficiaries of the otolith data, which feed population models that help determine catch limits each year. Fish populations are closely managed by NOAA so as not to repeat disasters such as cod overfishing on the East Coast.

Otoliths reveal age, which when aggregated with the sex, size and locations of capture for many fish, paint a portrait of the population's health. Thus, scientists can estimate how much fishermen can catch without causing a whole species collapse.

Trained observers go to sea with fishermen to gather catch and bycatch data. NOAA's fishery research centers rely on scientific survey boats as well as these observers to collect otoliths.

"Each fish has its sweet spot," says Katherine Maslenikov, fish-collections manager at the Burke, who has dug through fish heads herself as an observer on fishing boats.

Three pairs of otoliths—scientists collect only the largest pair—sit in capsules of liquid behind the fish's head. Technically, they are stones, not bones, because they contain no live cells.

Otoliths are unique to each species. A pollock's are wing-shaped and about 2 centimeters long. Others are delicate white filigrees pretty enough for jewelry. The salmon has especially tiny and hard-to-find otoliths.

This huge variation among species is what makes aging otoliths such difficult work.

Determining the age of otoliths is the specialty of Tom Helser's lab at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, a part of NOAA. His 12-person lab ages about 30,000 otoliths a year.

The low-tech method for aging otoliths is called "break and burn." Heating them in a simple flame darkens the annual bands, so they are easier to count.

A more sophisticated method involves drilling out tiny slivers of the otolith. The wisp of powder—barely enough to be visible to the naked eye—is analyzed for oxygen-18, a slightly heavier form of the usual oxygen-16. Because it varies with temperature, the oxygen-18 level rises and falls with the seasons. Each rise and fall represents one year.

But it's the change in elements like oxygen-18 over many years that has scientists really excited about otoliths.

"Flight recorders" is how NOAA's Helser likes to describes otoliths.

Ocean temperature, and thus the oxygen-18 level, varies from shallow coastal waters to deeper ones, so otoliths record migration patterns. A recent study in yellowfin sole found a sharp increase in oxygen-18 after the fish turned 7 years old, meaning it moved into deeper, colder waters. As juveniles, they must have lived near the coast.

"This is an animal that responds extremely closely to temperature as it grows older," said Helser, noting how climate change could interfere with the fish's usual behavior.

FIRST FRIDAY FILMS

'Return of the Cuyahoga' touts environmental success stories this Friday

First Friday Films will premier *Return of the Cuyahoga* this Friday, Aug. 2, at 6:30pm at American Memorial Park to recognize environmental success stories.

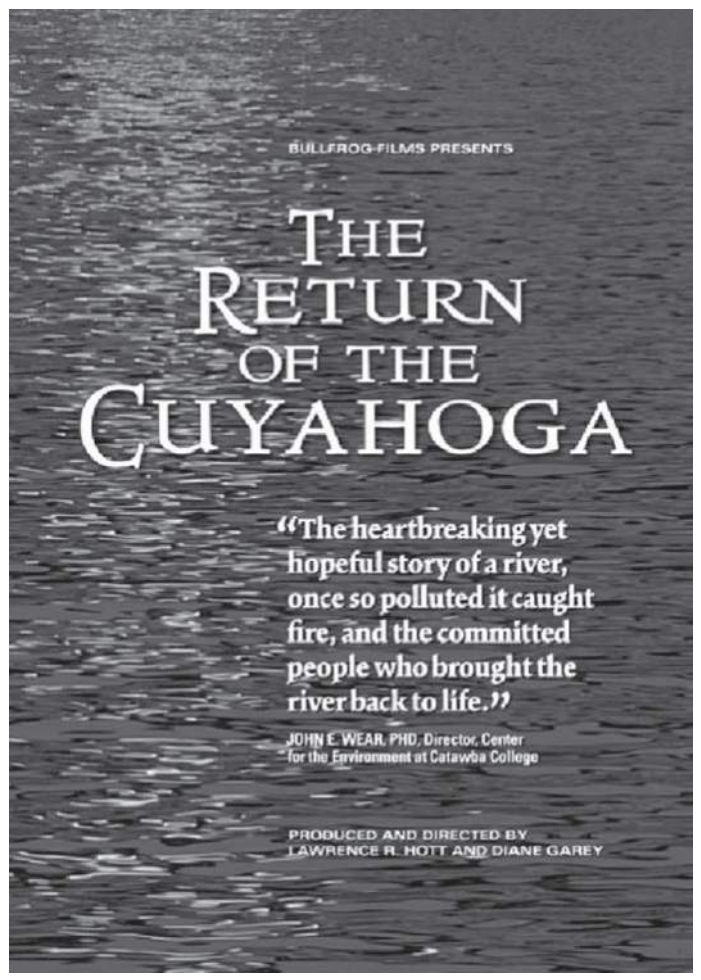
For centuries, the Cuyahoga River in Ohio has been the mainland United States' frontier. When the United States was a new nation, the river literally marked the western frontier. But "civilization" came to the river; by 1870 the river was on the industrial frontier. On the river's banks sprouted a multitude of factories, a booming display of what was called progress. The river, as it flowed through Cleveland, became a foul-smelling channel of sludge, with an oily surface that ignited with such regularity that river fires were treated as commonplace events by the local press.

But then, in 1969, the river burned again, just as a third kind of frontier swept across the nation: an environmental frontier. And the Cuyahoga River became a landmark on this frontier too—a poster child for those trying to undo the destruction wrought by progress in America. This film marks the path that the river has taken over the years.

Before the film, representatives from the CNMI Division of Environmental Quality will discuss several environmental disasters on our own islands which are becoming success stories of rehabilitation partnerships between local, national and international partners.

First Friday Films is a partnership between American Memorial Park, the Division of Environmental Quality, Coastal Resources Management and the Humanities Council with support from other organizations. This particular film is sponsored by DEQ. As always, our film events are free and open to the public. This event will run about 70 minutes.

For more information about First Friday Films, email fff-saipan@gmail.com or check out www.firstfridayfilmssaipan.blogspot.com. ***(DEQ)***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Study says air pollution causes more than 2 million deaths a year

By MONTE MORIN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES—Global air pollution contributes to the premature deaths of more than 2 million adults each year, according to new research.

In a study published Friday in the journal Environmental Research Letters, scientists used a number of mathematical models to estimate the effects of fine particulate matter—tiny particles, or soot, that penetrate deep into the lungs—and ozone, the main component of smog.

The estimate is smaller than most previous calculations, which pegged pollution-related deaths at more than 3 million a year. The researchers also concluded that climate change has had only minimal effect on pollution-related deaths.

"Our estimates make outdoor air pollution among the most important environmental risk factors for health," read a statement from lead study co-author Jason West, an assistant professor of environmental science at the University of North Carolina. "Many of these deaths are estimated to occur in East Asia and South Asia, where population is high and air pollution is severe."

West and his colleagues concluded that about 470,000 people die each year from ozone produced by human industrial activities. (Unlike ozone high in the atmosphere, which provides protection from the sun's rays, ground level ozone is mostly caused by chemical reactions in urban and suburban regions.)

Authors also concluded that an additional 2.1 million deaths were caused by fine particulate matter resulting from human activity. Such particles measure smaller than 2.5 microns in width and are called, PM 2.5. These particles have been linked to lung cancer and a variety of respiratory diseases.

The authors noted that climate change could affect air quality in a number of ways. Moist or wet regions, for example, might see less ozone production, while drier areas might see more.

Different climate models provided widely differing forecasts, the researchers said, with some models estimating an overall decrease in mortality. When these models were averaged together, the effects of climate change were determined to be small.

"It cannot be clearly concluded that past climate change has increased air pollution mortality," the authors wrote.

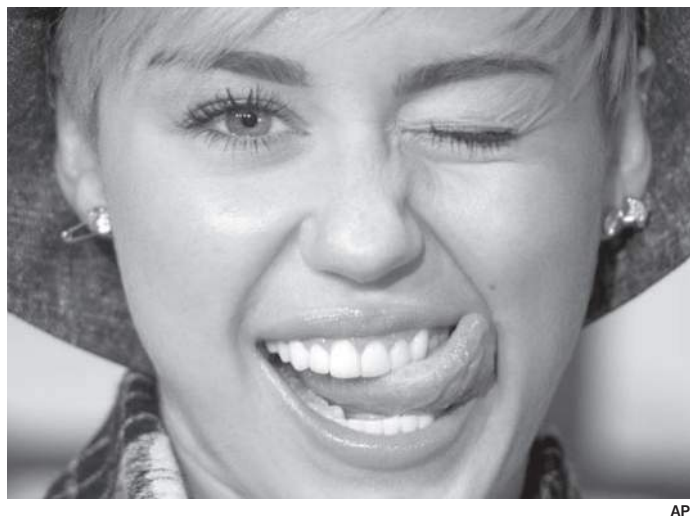
Life & Style

Cyrus says wild-child behavior part of growing up

LONDON (AP)—Miley Cyrus' transformation from a sweet-faced child star into a twerking, wild-child sensation has garnered plenty of debate, but she says it's not really all that deep—she just grew up, y'all.

"I think people forget what it feels like to be 20," she said in a recent interview. "People just evolve and that's all that's happened to me. But people think a mad scientist somehow cooked up this potion and turned me in to a different human, which it wasn't. All I did was get a haircut and buy some clothes and everyone thinks that I am made into a robot that changes with what's popular every 10 years."

Cyrus has raised eyebrows as she continues to distance herself from her former life as the star of the Disney show "Hannah Montana." Now engaged to actor Liam Hemsworth, Cyrus is concentrating on her musical career and due to release an album in the fall.



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This July 22, 2013 file photo shows actress-singer Miley Cyrus winking during an interview at a radio station in Bad Vilbel near Frankfurt, central Germany.

Cyrus has one of the summer's biggest hits with "We Can't Stop"; it's now No. 2 on Billboard's Hot 100 chart. In the song's video, which has reached 100 million views on YouTube, Cyrus dances suggestively amid bizarre imagery, including a skull made of french fries. Cyrus says the video was inspired by her own life and the wild parties she's been at.

Besides, Cyrus says acting a little crazy can actually be good for the soul.

"That's why I think some people kind of fall off and they end up going crazy because you don't give yourself time to go crazy," she said. "That's what you're supposed to do; you are 20, you are supposed to be a mess because you haven't figured it out yet, and 10 years from now I am supposed to have it all together."

'Masters of Sex' takes explicit look at sexuality

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—There's so much sex depicted on a new cable TV series about researchers Masters and Johnson that filming it became ho-hum for star Michael Sheen.

Sheen

"I never thought I would get used to having a naked woman in front of me masturbating ... but I actually broke that barrier on the show," Sheen, who plays researcher William Masters, said Tuesday.

He plays opposite Lizzy Caplan as co-researcher and future wife Virginia Johnson in Showtime's "Masters of Sex," an explicit depiction of the pair and their groundbreaking mid-20th century scientific investigation of human sexuality.

The series, based on Thomas Maier's 2009 nonfiction book, debuts Sept. 29 on Showtime. Johnson died last week at age 88 in St. Louis. She was divorced from Masters, who died in 2001.

Sheen, whose film credits include "The Queen," said the story remains pertinent because the same "problems of intimacy" and making connections with people apply today.

During a Q&A session with the Television Critics Association, the difficulty of talking about sex publicly became apparent. One reporter asked the cast and producers how the series can include humor without appearing to titter at sexuality.

"We just had a slightly inappropriate look into your sex life. We all thank you for that," Sheen replied, drolly.

Caplan (TV's "True Blood," "New Girl") said the researchers' work at Washington University in St. Louis and later at their own institute was especially important for women, allowing them to understand and accept their sexuality as healthy.

"Before Masters and Johnson, no one was telling women that. It was always their own fault," Caplan said. "And that's some (baloney)."

The series embellished some characters but "stuck to the facts very carefully," said producer Michelle Ashford. "Certainly (with) the research, we fudged none of that."

Masters and Johnson became big celebrities who were the topic of late-night talk show hosts and on the cover of news magazines. Their work drew some criticism, especially in an era when sex was seldom discussed in public and certainly not in detail.

The cast, asked whether filming sex scenes proved embarrassing, said there was a painstaking effort to protect the actors by making the production "comfortable and safe," Sheen said.

Cast member Teddy Sears recalled director John Madden saying, "I want to protect your modesty," then mimicked the British Madden giving a stage direction: "Grab her bum."

Josh Hartnett, Eva Green join Showtime thriller

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Showtime says Josh Hartnett and Eva Green have been cast in the period psychological thriller "Penny Dreadful."

Hartnett

Showtime's president, David Nevins, described the production as a scary monster story with a different look and style.

He told the Television Critics Association on Tuesday that It's the first genre series for the premium cable channel.

Hartnett will play an American who finds danger in Victorian London. Green, who starred in the James Bond film "Casino Royale," plays a woman who carries secrets and risk.

The eight-episode series was created by John Logan, whose credits include "Gladiator." He and filmmaker Sam Mendes are among its executive producers.

"Penny Dreadful" begins filming this fall for a scheduled 2014 debut on Showtime.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

'Vampire Diaries' star Paul Wesley divorcing wife

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Two married actors from the CW series "The Vampire Diaries" are splitting up. Thirty-one-year-old Paul Wesley, who plays vampire Stefan Salvatore, is ending his marriage to Torrey DeVitto after two years of marriage. They have no children. People.com first reported the breakup. In a statement, DeVitto's publicist Mona Loring says the couple "decided to amicably split" and "they will continue to remain good friends." DeVitto had a recurring guest spot on the show's third and fourth seasons as a doctor. The 29-year-old was also a series regular on Lifetime's "Army Wives," which just wrapped its seventh season. She's also a recurring character on ABC Family's "Pretty Little Liars." Wesley and DeVitto met in 2007 on the set of a film.

Louis-Dreyfus praises Gandolfini's final film role

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—Julia Louis-Dreyfus says audiences will "really freak out" over James Gandolfini's performance in his final film. Gandolfini plays her character's love interest in Nicole Holofcener's "Enough Said," set for release in September. The actress, who is promoting her role in Disney's "Planes," says she worked "intimately" with Gandolfini on the shoot just months before he died. Gandolfini died in June of a heart attack at age 51 while vacationing in Italy. Louis-Dreyfus says it was a "dreamy experience" to act alongside him, adding that his character has no trace of Tony Soprano-style darkness. The romantic comedy will premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival in September.

Showtime executive hints at 'Dexter' spinoff

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Showtime's president is hinting that a "Dexter" spinoff may be forthcoming. David Nevins said Tuesday that Showtime has signed a two-year deal with Scott Buck, the executive producer of "Dexter." The serial killer drama starring Michael C. Hall is in its eighth and final season. Showtime says Buck will be working with the premium cable channel on several new projects. At a Television Critics Association meeting, Nevins was asked if there will be a follow-up series to "Dexter." In response, the Showtime executive noted the deal with producer Buck and suggested that reporters draw their own conclusion. Asked later about the possibility, Nevins acknowledged that he dropped a "tease" about a spinoff, but said that for now the focus is on a satisfying end to "Dexter."

Pets on a plane often suffer rough rides through airport

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I travel a lot in my work with animal protection. Often I'll encounter dogs and cats in distress as soon as I reach the airport. Distracted by their own thoughts, their owners seldom realize they're upsetting the pets they're carrying through the terminal.

Animal carriers are carelessly swung to and fro, banged against counters, chairs and onto the floor. Cat or dog shoulder bags are dangled at angles that make it impossible for the animal inside to balance. These poor pets can be confused, dizzy and suffer from motion sickness before the flight even takes off.

Traveling is stressful enough for animals. So please, everyone—if you fly with an animal companion, keep it foremost in your thoughts. Use a sturdy, well-ventilated carrier, preferably one with wheels, that's designed for animals and to fit under your seat. And please, keep the carrier upright and steady.

ANIMAL LOVER IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR ANIMAL LOVER: Thank you for the heads up. In case someone's pet might have other issues while traveling, it's always a good idea to talk about it with a veterinarian before embarking. (Sorry, I couldn't resist.)

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 19-year-old guy and for as long as I can remember my parents have yelled at me. It lasts for hours at a time at night after they come home from work almost every day. It's never about me doing something bad, but how I never do anything up to their expectations.

I don't know if they're right or wrong, but it makes me depressed and I have been thinking about suicide. I have never been able to have an opinion of my own because as soon as I had one my parents would yell at me all over again and call me "stupid and retarded."

I cry myself to sleep at night hoping God will put me to sleep forever. Please tell me what to do.

JUSTIN IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR JUSTIN: Verbal abuse—which is what you are describing—can be every bit as destructive as physical abuse. Perhaps it's time to consider moving out. With the constant verbal battering you're receiving, it's no wonder you're depressed.

Harming yourself is not the answer to your problem. Because you have reached the point of wanting to hurt yourself, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The number is 800-784-2433. A counselor there can direct you to the help you need. You may have to build your self-esteem from the ground up, but the effort will be well worth it. My thoughts are with you.

DEAR ABBY: A few months ago my mother joined Facebook and I readily accepted her friend request. I'm a 30-something IT specialist, but Mom is new to the Internet.

There are times I have gone online and seen posts in which my mother is arguing with my friends about their lifestyles. I have friends and business contacts from all over the world, and their backgrounds are highly varied as are their belief and value systems.

I have told Mom in private and public discussions that she owes someone an apology, but she shrugs it off.

Am I wrong for asking her to respect my friends, and would you suggest I "unfriend" my mother until she learns proper Internet etiquette?

DIGITAL FAMILY MAN

DEAR FAMILY MAN: Because what your mother is doing could negatively affect your business, you should do EXACTLY that. And quickly!

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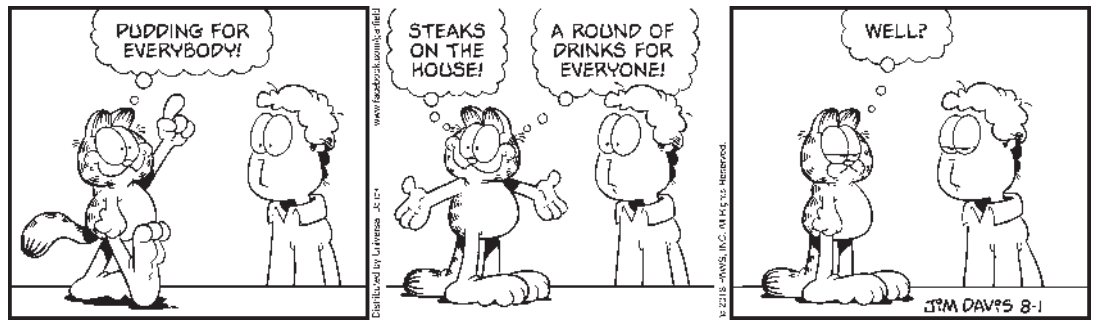

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

WHEN WE GET TO THE POOL, SHOW ME THE KID.
DON'T EMBARRASS ME, DAD. ALL HE DID WAS CALL ME A NAME.
YEAH. BUT "DONUT HEAD"? I WILL DEFEND YOUR HONOR, FAIR MAIDEN.
MY SOCIAL LIFE IS FLASHING BEFORE MY EYES.
I MEAN, OF ALL THE PASTRY-RELATED INSULTS...

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

You're Going To Be LATE FOR WORK.
YEAH. You KNOW HOW everyone loses AN HOUR IN THE FALL?
I USUALLY MISPLACE A COUPLE HOURS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER, AS WELL.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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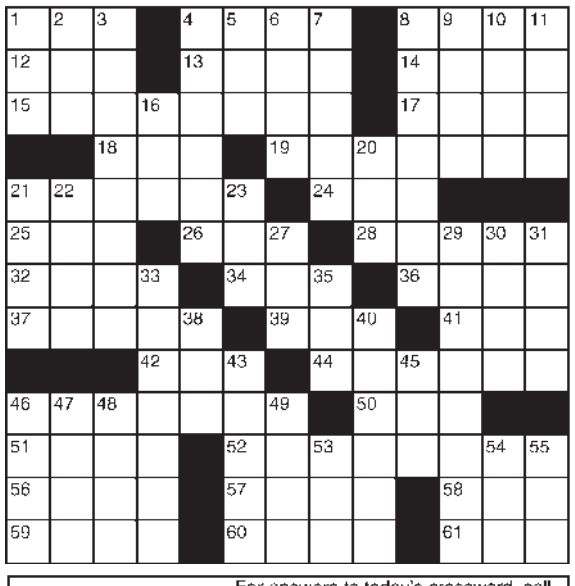

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MLB tells union which players it plans to suspend

NEW YORK (AP)—Major League Baseball has told the union which players it intends to suspend in its drug investigation and which ones will receive lengthier penalties for their roles in the Biogenesis case, two people familiar with the talks told The Associated Press.

The sides are trying to reach as many agreements as possible that would avoid grievance hearings, and talks could push back an announcement until Friday.

The meeting between MLB and the union on Tuesday, first reported by the New York Daily News, signaled the final stretch of talks. MLB hopes to announce the penalties for all players involved at the same time, both people said, speaking on condition of anonymity because no announcements were authorized.

Three-time MVP Alex Rodriguez of the New York Yankees stands to receive the longest suspension. While 50 games is the standard for a first offense, the stiffer penalties for some players are tied to other alleged violations, including not being truthful to MLB investigators.

Three 2013 All-Stars could face bans: Texas outfielder Nelson Cruz, San Diego shortstop Everth Cabrera and Detroit shortstop Jhonny Peralta. In a sign Peralta's suspension might be imminent, the Tigers acquired shortstop Jose Iglesias from Boston on Tuesday night as part of a three-way trade with the Chicago White Sox.

"The frank reality is that I do not know what is going to happen with Jhonny, but with this move, we now feel well protected if there is a long suspension," Tigers general manager David Dombrowski said.

Another 2013 All-Star, Oakland pitcher Bartolo Colon, was suspended last year following a positive testosterone test, as were Toronto outfielder Melky Cabrera and San Diego catcher Yasmani Grandal. They won't receive additional discipline for that violation, the two people said.

Yankees catcher Francisco Cervelli and Seattle catcher Jesus Montero also have been linked in media reports to Biogenesis, a closed Florida anti-aging clinic that was accused by Miami New Times in January of distributing banned performing-enhancing drugs.

Melky Cabrera was the 2012 All-Star game MVP while with San Francisco and Colon won the 2005 AL Cy Young Award with the Los Angeles Angels.

Players who don't reach agreements can ask the players' association to file grievances, which would lead to hearings before arbitrator Fredric Horowitz. Discipline for first offenders under the drug agreement usually is not announced until after the penalty is upheld, but there is an exception when the conduct leading to the discipline already has been made public.

In addition, MLB may try to suspend Rodriguez under its collective bargaining agreement instead of its drug rules, which would lead to the suspension starting before the appeal.

Milwaukee outfielder Ryan Braun was the first player to reach an agreement with MLB. The 2011 NL MVP accepted a season-ending 65-game suspension last week. Braun tested positive for elevated testosterone in October 2011 but a 50-game suspension was overturned the following February by an arbitrator who ruled Braun's urine sample was handled improperly.

Rodriguez faces the harshest penalty. The Yankees expected him to be accused of recruiting other athletes for the clinic, attempting to obstruct MLB's investigation, and not being truthful with MLB in the past when he discussed his relationship with Dr. Anthony Galea, who pleaded guilty two years ago to a federal charge of bringing unapproved drugs into the United States from Canada.

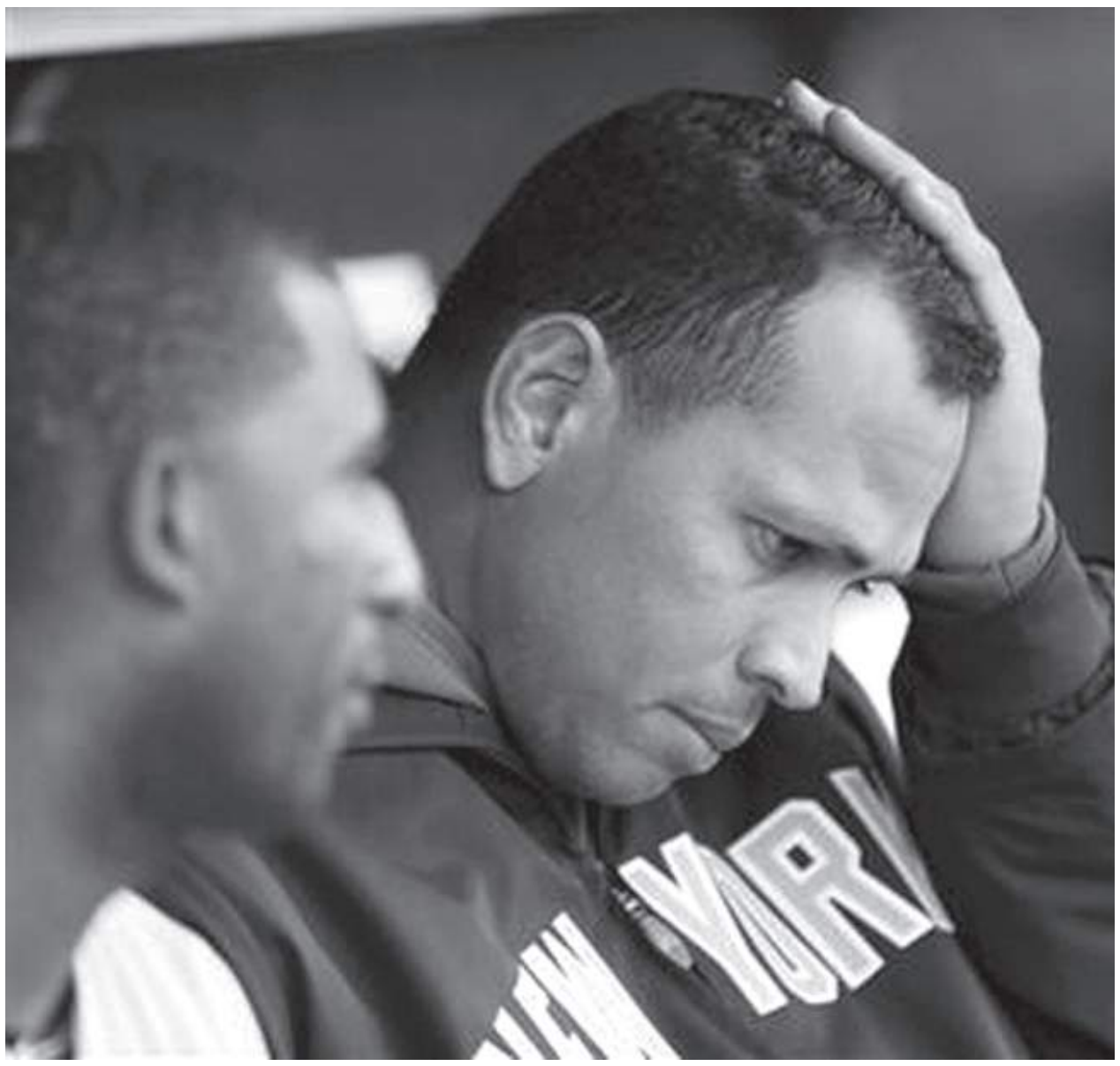
"A-Rod was my teammate in New York. I'm glad he was my teammate," retired pitcher Roger Clemens said Tuesday in Boston, where he was at Fenway Park to mark the 25th anniversary of manager Joe Morgan's team that won the 1988 AL East title.

"I did things to make him feel comfortable. I did that for all of my teammates," Clemens said. "I think I was a pretty solid teammate."

The seven-time Cy Young Award winner was acquitted last year of federal charges he lied to Congress when he said he didn't take steroids or human growth hormone.

Clemens would not give his thoughts on MLB's Biogenesis investigation.

"I've got my own feelings on particular people in MLB, you know, how they approached my situation," he said. "I don't know about it, and I don't care about it, to tell you the truth."



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In this Oct. 18, 2012, file photo, New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez watches from the dugout during Game 4 of the American League championship series against the Detroit Tigers in Detroit.

Source: Pistons acquire PG Jennings from Bucks

DETROIT (AP)—The Detroit Pistons have made another move in their busy offseason, acquiring Brandon Jennings as they desperately try to end their four-year postseason drought.

Detroit landed the point guard from the Milwaukee Bucks for point guard Brandon Knight and two prospects, according to a person familiar with the deal.

The person, who spoke Tuesday on condition of anonymity to The Associated Press because the trade hasn't been announced, said Jennings has agreed to a $24 million, three-year contract with the Pistons. The person said Detroit will also give up seldom-used Ukrainian center Viacheslav Kravtsov and forward Khris Middleton in the deal.

Detroit has been active this offseason, signing free agents Josh Smith, Chauncey Billups and Luigi Datome along with bringing back Will Bynum.

The Pistons signed Billups in part to mentor Knight, but have chosen to replace him with Jennings. They're in a win-now mode, and must figure Jennings gives them a better shot to have success this season than Knight, who hasn't shown he can be a reliable point guard.

Milwaukee drafted Jennings 10th overall in 2009 out of Oak Hill Academy and he averaged 17 points, 5.7 assists and 2.4 turnovers over four seasons with the Bucks, who could've matched any offer made to the restricted free agent this offseason. He averaged a career-high 6.5 assists and 17.5 points last season, a year after averaging a career-best 19.1 points a game.

Instead of keeping a player who might not have wanted to stay, the Bucks are adding to their depth with another young point guard and two players. Detroit drafted Knight eighth overall in 2011 out of Kentucky. He averaged 13.1 points, 3.9 assists and 2.7 turnovers.

The 6-foot-11 Kravtsov averaged 3.1 points and 1.8 rebounds in 25 games last season as a rookie. Middleton, a second-round pick last year from Texas A&M, averaged 6.1 points in 27 games.

The Bucks, coming off their first postseason in three years, also were finalizing a two-year deal for just under $6 million with free agent combo guard Gary Neal.

After starting his career overseas playing in Italy, Spain and Greece, Neal spent the first three seasons of his NBA career with the San Antonio Spurs. He earned a spot on the team after a standout performance in summer league play, then quietly emerged as a potent scorer off the bench for one of the best teams in the West. Neal averaged 9.7 points and shot 38.9 percent from 3-point range in his three seasons in San Antonio.

His 24 points helped the Spurs to a 36-point win in Game 3 of the NBA Finals against the Miami Heat. The Spurs abruptly pulled a qualifying offer from Neal last week after agreeing to terms with shooting guard Marco Bellinelli. Suddenly a free agent, Neal said he is looking forward to joining the Bucks, where coach Larry Drew told him there's an opportunity for a more featured role.

"In San Antonio you had the expectation of being a team that's going to be in the playoffs or make it to the Western Conference finals every year," Neal said in a telephone interview. "Even though Milwaukee doesn't have those same expectations nationally, I have an opportunity to play a bigger role and a bigger part here. As a competitor you look for that situation. This is the first time I've had this role in the NBA."

Neal will help add some scoring punch to a backcourt that lost Monta Ellis and J.J. Redick earlier this summer.

"For the most part it's just something I'm excited about and happy about," Neal said. "Especially talking to coach Drew and ownership, it's something that has me excited. I kind of wish we could start tomorrow."

Lakers hire Kurt Rambis, Johnny Davis as assistants

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP)—Kurt Rambis is returning to the Los Angeles Lakers' coaching staff as an assistant to Mike D'Antoni.

The Lakers hired former NBA head coaches Rambis and Johnny Davis on Monday to fill out D'Antoni's coaching staff for his second season with the club.

Rambis was a key role player and a bespectacled fan favorite for the Lakers during the "Showtime" era. He has been associated with the team in various capacities for three decades, including a brief stint as the head coach.

He served as an assistant coach from 1994-99, 2001-04 and 2005-09, helping to guide the team to two NBA titles and four Finals appearances during coach Phil Jackson's tenure. Rambis went 24-13 as the Lakers' head coach during the lockout-shortened 1998-99 season, and he spent two stints in the Lakers' front office.

"Kurt is a great basketball mind, extremely good at working with big men, and his experience as a head coach in this league is going to prove very helpful to our staff," D'Antoni said.

Rambis was thought to be a possible heir to Jackson before leaving to take over the Minnesota Timberwolves in 2009. Rambis was fired in 2011 after going 32-132 in two seasons with the rebuilding franchise.

Rambis has been a television analyst for the past two seasons, frequently appearing on ESPN and the Lakers' own Time Warner-backed network in Los Angeles.

Davis, a 10-year NBA veteran player, was the Philadelphia 76ers' head coach in 1996-97, and he coached the Orlando Magic from 2003-05. He spent the past two seasons as an assistant coach for the Toronto Raptors.

Dan D'Antoni is the only assistant from Mike D'Antoni's huge Lakers coaching staff who is sticking around for a second season in Los Angeles. Mike D'Antoni retained several assistants from fired coach Mike Brown's staff when he took over five games into last season.

Steve Clifford was hired as the Charlotte Bobcats' head coach, and Eddie Jordan took over at Rutgers. Bernie Bickerstaff and Phil Handy followed Brown to Cleveland, and Darvin Ham is an assistant in Atlanta.

Pirates drill Cards to sweep doubleheader

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Andrew McCutchen clubbed his 15th homer of the season and the Pittsburgh Pirates completed a doubleheader sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals with 6-0 victory Tuesday night.

Brandon Cumpton (1-1) allowed three hits over seven innings to pick up his first major league win. The sweep propelled the Pirates into first place in the NL Central. Pittsburgh is a season-high 22 games over .500 (64-42).

Tyler Lyons (2-4) gave up four runs, three earned, in six innings. The rookie struck out five and walked one, but received no help from a reeling offense. The Cardinals have dropped six straight and have scored five runs in their last 56 innings.

St. Louis catcher Yadier Molina left in the fourth inning with a right knee strain.

The Pirates took the opener 2-1 in 11 innings when Alex Presley's sharp grounder deflected off the glove of pitcher Kevin Siegrist and rolled into shallow left field, allowing Pittsburgh's Russell Martin to score from second.

AP

Pittsburgh Pirates' Pedro Alvarez (24) drives in a run with a double off St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Lance Lynn during the first inning of a baseball game in Pittsburgh Tuesday, July 30, 2013.

Braves 11, Rockies 3

In Atlanta, Freddie Freeman hit two home runs, Brian McCann added a three-run shot and Atlanta beat Colorado to win its fifth straight game.

The Braves, who scored 10 unanswered runs, moved 10 games ahead of second-place Washington on the NL East. They lead the majors with a 36-15 home record.

Freeman had four RBIs with his first multihomer game this season and fourth of his career.

Phillies 7, Giants 3

In Philadelphia, Carlos Ruiz and Michael Young hit two-run homers to back John Lannan, and Philadelphia beat San Francisco to snap an eight-game losing streak.

The Phillies beat the New York Mets 13-8 in their first game after the All-Star break, but scored a total of 14 in the next eight losses to drop out of contention.

The defending World Series champion Giants have lost five in a row and eight of nine. They came off a 3-7 homestand that left them in last place in the NL West.

Mets 4, Marlins 2, 10 innings

In Miami, Marlins reliever Chad Qualls took a tumble after escaping late trouble, but Miami stumbled in the 10th inning when John Buck hit a tiebreaking two-run single that lifted New York to victory.

Zack Wheeler took a no-hitter into the seventh inning and Juan Lagares had three hits and two RBIs for the Mets.

Brewers 6, Cubs 5, 1st game
Brewers 3, Cubs 2, 2nd game

In Chicago, Jeff Bianchi delivered a two-run single off shortstop Starlin Castro's glove with two out in the ninth to lead the Milwaukee Brewers to a 3-2 victory over the Chicago Cubs and a day-night doubleheader sweep on Tuesday.

The Brewers pulled out the nightcap after a 6-5 victory in which they lost starter Yovani Gallardo to a tight left hamstring.

In the second game, they got six scoreless innings from Tyler Thornburg and a leadoff homer from Juan Francisco in the fifth. But they had to rally after David DeJesus delivered a two-run double off Burke Badenhop following a pair of errors in the seventh.

Chicago took a 2-1 lead to the ninth, but closer Kevin Gregg (2-3) couldn't hold it.

Padres 4, Reds 2

In San Diego, Nick Hundley hit a two-run double with two outs in the eighth inning and San Diego handed Cincinnati its fifth straight loss.

Will Venable, who scored the go-ahead run on Hundleys' hit, went 3 for 3 with a walk, a run scored and an RBI.

Venable singled to right with one out in the eighth against Manny Parra (1-2). Sam LeCure came on and allowed a single to rookie Jedd Gyorko before striking out pinch-hitter Chris Denorfia. Hundley then doubled down the left-field line.

Parra hadn't allowed a run since June 7, a streak of 19 games.

Dodgers 3, Yankees 2

In Los Angeles, Mark Ellis singled in the winning run in the ninth inning, lifting Los Angeles to the victory over New York.

With two out, Ellis lofted the ball over the head of leaping shortstop Derek Jeter to score Andre Ethier, who singled and stole second.

Orioles 3, Astros 2

In Baltimore, Chris Davis hit his major league-leading 38th home run, a two-run shot in the sixth inning that gave the Baltimore Orioles their first lead in a 4-3 victory over the Houston Astros on Tuesday night.

Davis had gone 10 straight games without a long ball until connecting off Lucas Harrell (5-11). Earlier, Davis extended his run of games with a strikeout to 23, the longest streak in team history.

Red Sox 8, Mariners 2

In Boston, rookie Brandon Workman struck out nine while picking up his first major league win, allowing one run over six innings as Boston beat Seattle.

Jacoby Ellsbury and Dustin Pedroia homered in the second, giving Workman a cushy 5-1 lead that the young righthander never squandered in just his third start in the big leagues. He allowed six hits, three of them in the sixth when Seattle loaded the bases with one out before Workman (1-1) ended the threat with back-to-back strikeouts.

Blue Jays 5, Athletics 0

In Oakland, Calif., Mark Buehrle allowed five hits over seven innings, Jose Bautista and Emilio Bonifacio each homered and Toronto ended Oakland's winning streak at four.

Colby Ramus also drove in a run and Edwin Encarnacion added two hits for the Blue Jays.

Derek Norris had two hits for the A's, who during the game acquired third baseman Alberto Callaspo from the Angels for infielder Grant Green.

Indians 7, White Sox 4

In Cleveland, pinch-hitter Ryan Raburn hit a two-run single in the eighth inning as Cleveland beat freefalling Chicago to win its sixth straight.

The Indians stayed within 2 1-2 games of first-place Detroit in the AL Central.

Cleveland was in danger of losing to Brazilian rookie Andre Rienzo in his debut before coming back against Donnie Veal (1-2), who started the eighth. Rienzo, the first Brazilian-born player to pitch in the major leagues, did not allow an earned run and only five hits in seven innings.

Rangers 14, Angels 11, 10 innings

In Arlington, Texas, Leonys Martin hit a three-run homer in the 10th inning and Texas, after trailing four times, pulled out a victory over Los Angeles that took nearly five hours.

Daniel Stange (0-1) walked Mitch Moreland and Geovany Soto to start the 10th. David Murphy then reached on a fielder's choice before Los Angeles put five players in the infield with only two outfielders. That alignment didn't matter when Martin sent his sixth homer of the season to the opposite field, barely clearing the 14-foot wall and just inside the left-field foul pole.

Royals 7, Twins 2

In Minneapolis, Mike Moustakas homered twice and drove in four runs to back another strong start from Ervin Santana, and surging Kansas City beat Minnesota.

Santana (7-6) gave up two runs on four hits and struck out eight in seven innings and Eric Hosmer had three hits and an RBI for the Royals, who have won seven in a row and nine of 11 coming out of the All-Star break. At 52-51, they are over .500 for the first time since May 18.

Tigers 5, Nationals 1

In Detroit, Alex Avila hit a tiebreaking grand slam in the sixth inning off Stephen Strasburg to lead Detroit past Washington.

Anibal Sanchez (9-7) gave up one run, five hits and two walks over seven innings for Detroit. Jose Veras, a day after being acquired from Houston, was perfect in the eighth in his Tigers debut. Joaquin Benoit, who will keep his job as the team's closer, gave up one hit in the ninth inning.

Rays 5, Diamondbacks 2

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Roberto Hernandez came within one out of a complete-game shutout, and Yunel Escobar and Ben Zobrist drove in two runs each as Tampa Bay beat Arizona.

The Rays maintained their half-game lead over Boston in the AL East.

Peavy headed to Red Sox in three-team deal

BOSTON (AP)—The Boston Red Sox needed a starting pitcher. The Detroit Tigers were looking for infield help. The Chicago White Sox wanted more prospects for the future.

And that's why baseball's biggest trade of the season came together.

The Red Sox acquired Jake Peavy from the White Sox in a blockbuster three-team deal on Tuesday night that also sent shortstop Jose Iglesias to the Detroit Tigers.

The slick-fielding Iglesias provides a nice insurance policy for AL Central-leading Detroit in case Jhonny Peralta is suspended as part of baseball's Biogenesis drug investigation. Iglesias also can play second and third.

"The frank reality is that I do not know what is going to happen with Jhonny, but with this move, we now feel well protected if there is a long suspension," Tigers general manager David Dombrowski said.

"We didn't feel we were well protected in that situation with our internal options. If it were a 15-day thing, like a typical injury, I think we could have comfortably dealt with it with the players we already have, but when you start to talk about 50 days and a possible playoff run, we feel better going ahead with Jose."

Peavy is 8-4 with a 4.28 ERA in 13 starts this season. The 2007 NL Cy Young Award winner was considered the best starting pitcher on the market ahead of Wednesday's non-waiver deadline.

"If there's one thing we wanted to do—if we could pull it off—is to add a starting pitcher as we look at the next two months," Boston general manager Ben Cherington said.

With Clay Buchholz on the disabled list with a shoulder problem, the move gives Boston another proven starter for the stretch run in the tough AL East. It also could strengthen the bullpen if the Red Sox decide to return rookie Brandon Workman to a relief role if Buchholz comes back.

"We thought Peavy, of the starting pitchers available, was the right fit for us," Cherington said. "It just came together that this was the deal we thought made the most sense."

The Red Sox also got reliever Brayan Villarreal from the Tigers. They shipped Iglesias to Detroit and three minor leaguers to the White Sox as part of the trade.

Chicago also received prized prospect Avisail Garcia. Garcia, who turned 22 in June, hit .374 with five homers and 23 RBIs in 33 games for Triple-A Toledo.

The outfielder, who was the Tigers' minor league player of the year last season, was assigned to Triple-A Charlotte.

"We're very excited about his upside," general manager Rick Hahn said. "We truly feel this is a five-tool player, someone who's not only going to hit for average but for power, run well, play above-average defense.

"He's still young and he still has a little bit of development ahead of him, but we feel we've acquired someone with a great deal of upside who's going to have a big impact on the South Side for many years to come."

Peralta is among a group of players who have been linked in media reports to Biogenesis, a closed Florida anti-aging clinic that was accused by Miami New Times in January of distributing banned performing-enhancing drugs, sparking an investigation by Major League Baseball. The league could hand down multiple suspensions as part of the case in a matter of days.

The 23-year-old Iglesias hit .330 with a home run and 19 RBIs in 63 games with the Red Sox, who trail division-leading Tampa Bay by a half-game. He was the AL rookie of the month for June, when he batted .395 with six RBIs.

"Jhonny Peralta is our shortstop until someone tells us he can't be our shortstop," Dombrowski said. "If that happens, we are very comfortable with Jose going forward, but until then, we have a talented young player who can play second base and third base very well."

Cherington said discussions with the White Sox had been going on for some time, but the two teams couldn't agree on a deal until the Tigers joined the mix.

By giving up a young asset in Iglesias, Cherington said the Red Sox wanted a player for the future as well as the stretch run this season. Cherington said there was no cash involved in the deal and the Red Sox are assuming all of Peavy's contract, which includes a $14.5 million salary for next year and an incentive-laden player option for 2015.

"He's an intense competitor. He loves to pitch," Cherington said. "I think he'll fit in nicely with the group that we have."

Cherington said Boston was familiar with Peavy's medical history and comfortable the 32-year-old would be a healthy addition.

"We're going to get Jake here and get him into the mix," Cherington said. "It won't be tomorrow. We don't know quite yet when it will be."

The other minor leaguers headed to Chicago are infielder Cleulius Rondon and pitchers Francelis Montas and Jeffery Wendelken. Each of them were at the Class-A level with the Red Sox.

Crash kills Texas A&M lineman, Utah recruit, teen

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Damontre Moore helped recruit Polo Manukainiu to Texas A&M and remembered the day the two met.

Manukainiu was still in high school, even then a fearsome figure at 6-foot-5 and some 275 pounds. Beneath that mammoth frame, though, was a young man with sweet and caring personality, a huge smile and kind words for everyone fortunate enough to know him.

"He was this huge kid," Moore told The Associated Press in a phone interview from New York Giants training camp. "I'd been in college already for like two years and he was this huge monster who had at least two inches over me and he was so intimidating. And when he talked he was the kindest person in the world. He was like the gentle giant."

Texas A&M said Tuesday that Manukainiu, a 19-year-old redshirt freshman for the Aggies, was among three people killed in a single-car rollover crash in the high desert of northern New Mexico, stunning both schools just days before fall practices begin. Also killed where 18-year-old Utah recruit Gaius "Keio" Vaenuku and 13-year-old Andrew "Lolo" Uhatafe.

The wreck happened Monday evening on U.S. 550 near Cuba, N.M., about 85 miles north of Albuquerque, as the group of five was returning from Salt Lake City to suburban Dallas, where three of them had ties to prep football power Trinity High School in Euless.

The southbound 2002 Toyota Sequoia drifted off the sagebrush-lined highway, New Mexico State Police spokesman Emmanuel T. Gutierrez said. The driver, 18-year-old Siaosi Salesi Uhatafe Jr. of Euless, over-corrected, causing the vehicle to lose control and roll several times. Alcohol wasn't involved and it appeared the driver was the only one wearing a seatbelt, investigators said.

Manukainiu and Andrew Uhatafe died at the scene after they were ejected from the vehicle, Gutierrez said. Vaenuku was pronounced dead in an ambulance that responded to the accident.

The driver and his father, Salesi Uhatafe, were taken to the San Juan Medical Center in Farmington, N.M., and suffered only minor injuries, authorities said. Siaosi Uhatafe was a stepbrother of Manukainiu and, like Vaenuku, also is a Utah recruit.

Manukainiu had apparently traveled to Salt Lake City for some relaxation, tweeting Sunday: "It's always good to get away from the Texas Heat for the weekend. Utah got that breezeeeeeee."

On Monday, hours before the accident, he tweeted: "22 hour drive back to Texas on no sleep. Oh my."

Manukainiu played football at Trinity High and was part of the Aggies' 2012 signing class. He was a recreation, parks and tourism science major, the school said, and is survived by his mother, Lima Uhatafe of Euless.

"We lost a terrific young man," Texas A&M coach Kevin Sumlin said. "Polo was loved by his teammates and coaches. Anyone who came in contact with him was struck by his sense of humor and smile. My heart aches for his mom and family members."

He was very close to his family, even bringing them on his recruiting trip to College Station and constantly checking on them while on his official visit. He was proud to be an Aggie, and Moore said he never complained when he was redshirted last season and toiled through months on the scout team.

"He put the team before himself," Moore said. "He was just overall, a good, gentle and loyal person. He was more than a teammate. He was like a brother to everybody. Everybody just loved being around him."

Texas A&M finished last season ranked No. 5 after an 11-2 season, their first in the Southeastern Conference. They were led by quarterback Johnny Manziel, who became the first freshman to win the Heisman Trophy, and are expected to be highly ranked again this year.

"Heart hurts waking up to news about Polo," Manziel tweeted on Tuesday. "I think I speak for everyone on our team when I say we love you brother you will be missed."

It is the second such tragedy for Texas A&M in less than two years: Senior offensive lineman Joseph Villavisencio, 22, was killed in a December 2011 car accident after veering head-on into the path of an 18-wheeler 40 miles from College Station.

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the Blazers over a month ago, caught the defending champion flat-footed in the first period, leading at 25-4. Peter Camacho led the Ol'Aces' strong start, scoring 7 points, while four of his teammates contributed at least two baskets apiece.

Mobil had only one field goal in the opening canto off Errol Peredo's basket, while the two other points came from Freddie Pelisamen's free throws. Down by a big margin at the onset of the match, Mobil was hard pressed to mount a comeback and responded to the challenge.

Pelisamen anchored the recovery right in the second quarter and drew enough help from Gyles Ruluked, Peredo, and Jun Estolas, as Mobil managed to move within 2, 64-66, by the end of the third period. The defending champion continued its uphill climb in the fourth, as Pelisamen and Ruluked combined for 16 points and put Mobil in the driver's seat, 80-78, at the 2:33 mark of the payoff period.

Trevor Ogumoro tried to knot the count with his floater, but missed, and Mobil got the rebound and upped the lead to 4 entering the final two minutes of the match after Marvin Rabauliman connected on a fastbreak layup.

Another Ol'Aces muffed offensive set returned possession to Mobil, which stretched the lead to 6, as Pelisamen made a putback off his own miss. Fred Litulimar finally put the Ol'Aces in the board in the ensuing play, but his teammates failed to buckle down on defense, allowing Mobil to seal the win with three more easy shots.

Pelisamen top-scored for Mobil with his 32 points and it was the third straight time he nailed 30-plus markers for the defending champion. Ruluked, who missed Mobil's first four games, chipped in 14, while Peredo added 12. Jesus Iguel led the Ol'Aces with his 24 point, but he was held to 2 points in the fourth period.

Mariana Resort 84, Blazers 71

In the first game, Mariana Resort ended a two-game slide after outclassing the Blazers.

While Mariana Resort is back on track and improved to a 4-3 record, the Blazers remained winless in six games.

Marlon Sison and Elgene Mangali teamed up for Marianas Resort, scoring 18 points apiece. Sison was on target from downtown, drilling five triples. Three other Mariana Resort players finished in twin digits with Ernie Moises contributing 12, and Rolly Paraiso and Jawn Joyner chipping in 11 and 10, respectively.

Mariana Resort outgunned the Blazers in the first three quarters to built a 61-45 advantage and victory remained elusive for the latter as it just traded baskets with the former in the fourth canto.

First Game

Mariana Resort 84 – Sison 18, Mangali 18, Moises 12, Paraiso 11, Joyner 10, Fitial 6, Montes 4, Dayrit 4.

Blazers 71 – L. Sablan 13, Taylor 11, Jung 9, Maratita 8, Brennan 7, S. Sablan 6, Quan 6, Younis 2, Mendiola 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-12, 39-30, 61-45, 84-71.

Second Game

Mobil 90 – Pelisamen 32, Ruluked 15, Peredo 12, Estolas 9, Rabauliman 8, Camacho , Failauga 2.

Ol'Aces 80 – Iguel 24, Ogumoro 17, Mizer 13, Litulumar 10, Camacho 8, Renguul 4, Olaitiman 2.

Scoring by quarters: 4-25, 35-41, 66-64, 90-80.

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(not on record) is only a year ago (The Ultimate Fighter 16). Although that fight didn't count as a professional bout. I got the experience of fighting at the Mandalay Bay in Vegas in front of Dana White and international viewers. So I haven't really been out for a while, which is why I'm even more excited about my upcoming bout against Koshi Matsumoto," Camacho said.

Matsumoto is a 30-year-old, 155-lb fighter from Kadoma, Osaka. He holds a 9-4-1 win-loss-draw record, but has yet to earn a win via knockout, getting five victories via submission and four decisions. The Japanese last saw action in PXC 36 early this year and won via rear-naked choke against Tyrone Jones at the 51-second mark of the first round. Before that victory, Matsumoto came from back-to-back losses in 2012 against compatriot Shin Kochiwa (TKO at the 36-second mark of the second round) and Kota Shimoishi (via unanimous decision).

Camacho has a better record than his Japanese foe, boasting a 10-2 win-loss card. He got eight wins via TKOs, while his two other victories were off a submission and decision. Camacho had been to three PXC event, winning his latest one (PXC 13: Back from the Dead) after prevailing in a split decision against Ryan Bigler in November 2007.

The 5'9" MMA fighter also saw action in PXC 11: No Turning Back in April 2007 and knocked down John Ogo right in the opening seconds of the first round. Then in PXC 12: Settling The Score in July the same year, Camacho absorbed his first pro loss after bowing to Luigi Fioravant, who was awarded a TKO win (referee stopped) in the opening round. Camacho's other loss (TKO, 2:27 of first round) came from Caloy Baduria in the URCC 11: Redemption held on Nov. 25, 2007.

Against Matsumoto, Camacho said a TKO win would be a great welcome for his PXC return.

"Of course I would love to win via KO/TKO. I do not want it to go to the judges. Every second of the fight I will create and look for openings. I will take anything that will get me the win. If he gives me his arm or his neck or his chin I'm taking it," Camacho said.

"I've seen a couple of Koshi's fights. He is one tough Japanese dude. The guy is a stud when it comes to fighting. There is no secret he takes guys down and works to submit them while gaining dominant position. I've been studying him and I have to stay away from his strong points. I have a very fundamental strategy against Koshi. I have to stay in control and dictate the fight where I want it," he added.

Meanwhile, Camacho thanked all his supporters in the CNMI and trainers and sparring partners in Guam for helping him prepare for his MMA return.

"My nerves and excitement are kicking in. This is what I live for. I'm so fortunate that God put me in a position to make a positive difference. Closing this 12 Week Camp (one of the best camps I've had and injury free) wouldn't be possible without the following: my mom, dad, Leslie, my girl Sarah, Jose Quan, Pete Alvarez and family, coaches Pat Ayuyu and Steve Roberto, Fokai Shop's Roman DLC, Trench Tech Purebred Saipan's Cuki Alvarez, Hilton's SP Spike 22 coach Melchor Manibusan, Alliance MMA coach Eric Delfierro, S&C coach Rhadi Ferguson's Fan Page, TLI's Master Donnie, and boxing coach Troy Fox," Camacho said.

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uniforms to the CNMI youth players and officials who competed in the ASPAC held in the Philippines last month.

"As a way of 'paying back' Tan Siu Lin Foundation for their generous contribution and support, in particular for sponsoring the CNMI Senior League All-Stars' uniforms while competing in the recently concluded 2013 Asia Pacific-Middle East Baseball Tournament held in the Philippines, the All-Stars, along with Junior League team manager Bernard Cabrera and several of his Junior League All-Stars and Chel Castro, worked on cleaning and repainting the parking lot for four consecutive days (from July 23 to 26)," Rogolifoi said.

The manager added that the foundation provided paint and equipment needed for the clean-up project.

"The hours earned by these young players from performing this task should help toward their graduation requirements (community service)," Rogolifoi said.

Meanwhile, TSL Foundation manager Maggie Sablan said the clean-up drive at the parking lot was part of their "I serve and give back" program. Sablan, who is also the program's coordinator, said the foundation launched the project just two months ago to encourage community service.

"We started it with the Department of Public Safety, which helped us out in cleaning the Paseo de Marianas," Sablan said. "We support a lot of groups and though we appreciate them for acknowledging us for our donation, it will be better it they will do community work, too."

Sablan also called on the public to help in maintaining the cleanliness of the facilities or places around the island.

"Everybody has to chip in to keep our islands clean. The foundation thanked our baseball players for committing to the project," Sablan added.

Meanwhile, Rogolifoi said that after losing in the ASPAC finals, the Commonwealth's youth sluggers are more determined in getting the championship next year.

"It was a loss we could not accept at that very instant as we felt the game was in our grasp, only to slip out of our hands in the last inning. It was very emotional however we humbly accepted the defeat. Majority of the team members in this division are staying for another year and should they make the selection, I am certain they will have another shot at the title, which I believe, is a motivational factor for the team to succeed. They are the best and will represent us well next year," said Rogoligoi.

The CNMI was ahead against the Philippines in the Senior League finals after four complete innings, 4-6, but lost to the host, 7-6, after a defensive meltdown at the bottom of the seventh inning.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	64	43	.598	_
Boston	64	44	.593	Ω
Baltimore	59	48	.551	5
New York	55	51	.519	8 1/2
Toronto	49	57	.462	14 1/2

Central Division

Detroit	60	45	.571	_
Cleveland	58	48	.547	2 1/2
Kansas City	52	51	.505	7
Minnesota	45	58	.437	14
Chicago	40	64	.385	19 1/2

West Division

Oakland	63	44	.589	_
Texas	58	49	.542	5
Seattle	50	56	.472	12 1/2
Los Angeles	48	57	.457	14
Houston	35	70	.333	27

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	62	45	.579	_
Washington	52	55	.486	10
Philadelphia	50	56	.472	11 1/2
New York	48	56	.462	12 1/2
Miami	40	65	.381	21

Central Division

Pittsburgh	64	42	.604	_
St. Louis	62	43	.590	1 1/2
Cincinnati	59	49	.546	6
Chicago	48	58	.453	16
Milwaukee	46	61	.430	18 1/2

West Division

Los Angeles	57	48	.543	_
Arizona	54	52	.509	3 1/2
Colorado	51	57	.472	7 1/2
San Diego	50	58	.463	8 1/2
San Francisco	46	59	.438	11

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2013 SEDA League Regular Season Winners

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Players of Naked Fish MVA Primos pose with their championship trophies in the Inter-government division of the 2013 Saipan Electronic Darts Association League during the awards ceremony held last Sunday at Charley's Cabaret of the Pacific Islands Club.

Joe Steak Gangnam Style players show their championship trophies in the Kingfisher C division.

Jokers Try Luck members pose for a photo after topping the Ladies division.

Bud Cup champion Oceanside Underdawgs gets another set of trophies, winning the regular season of the Chichirika C division.

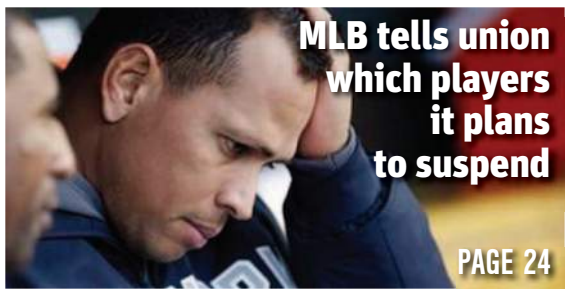
Jonny's Kyodai receive their Flame Three B championship trophies.

Players of SOS Zyndikato pose for a group photo after getting the Fanihi B championship trophies.

SOS MixBlood Shooters members receive championship trophies in the Tuesday B division.

Players and supporters of A Division champion Sand Juvy Predator pose for a group photo.

Members of Masters Division champion Jokers Destroyers pose with their trophies.



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Mobil rallies past Ol'Aces

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Mobil's Marvin Rabauliman drives against the outstretched arm of the Ol'Aces' Chris Mizer during the fourth quarter of their game in the Emon Lodge caging last Tuesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Mobil moved up to solo second place in the team standings in the Emon Lodge No. 179 Brotherhood Basketball League 2013/Docomo Pacific Cup after thwarting the Ol'Aces, 90-80, last Tuesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Mobil bounced back from a 21-point deficit in the first period and completed the come-from-behind victory with a strong finish to improve to a 5-2 record, just one win behind unbeaten and league-leading AXE Proa (6-0) and one game ahead of third placer Pacific Islands Club. The triumph was also Mobil's third straight after a roller-coaster performance in its first four matches.

The Ol'Aces, who are on a four-game losing skid after winning their debut against

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CNMI youth sluggers give back to community

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
A CNMI Senior All-Stars player helps manager Tony Rogolifoi apply the first coating of paint on the parking lot of the Oleai Sports Complex during a clean-up drive last Friday.

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It's "payback time."

After getting help for their participation in the 2013 Asia Pacific-Middle East Baseball Tournament, the CNMI Senior All-Stars did community work last week, cleaning and repainting the parking lot of the Oleai Sports Complex.

CNMI Senior All-Stars manager Tony Rogolifoi in an email to *Saipan Tribune* said the clean-up drive project is initiated by the Tan Siu Lin Foundation, which provided

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Frank "The Crank" Camacho, right, connects on his foe, during one of his mixed martial arts pro fights in 2007.

'The Crank' to take on Japanese MMA fighter

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A stronger, faster, and smarter Frank "The Crank" Camacho will be back inside the octagon cage, as he takes on Japan's Koshi Matsumoto in PXC 38 next Friday at the University of Guam Fieldhouse.

"I have switched a lot of my training to prepare for this fight. I recently moved back to the islands (Guam) a few months ago and have been working with K1 and kickboxing veteran Pat Ayuyu. The knowledge I've accumulated over the years in the mainland and from competing all over the world are fused with Pat's training methods. I like to think of it as traditional, old school eastern style of martial arts training meets western style of high level, athletics style of training," Camacho said.

"Working with my jiu-jitsu coach and Purebred's Steve Roberto has been out of this world. His understanding of not just sport jiu-jitsu, but self defense, *vale tudo* (anything goes) fighting has been mind-blowing. My CNMI fans will see a new Frank 'The Crank' Camacho. Stronger, faster, and smarter fighter," added the 24-year-old MMA fighter, whose last pro bout was in 2009 in Fairpax, Virginia.

Though he was on break from the MMA pro scene for more than three years, Camacho thinks he hasn't been out of action since his 2009 fight against James Jones in UWC 6: Capital Punishment.

"If you go and see my record, my last professional MMA fight was in 2009 against James Binky Jones in the UWC. On paper it seems like a very, very long time since I've last fought, even so competed. But, since that fight I've been competing in lots of international martial arts competitions, training with high level active competitors, and my last fight

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